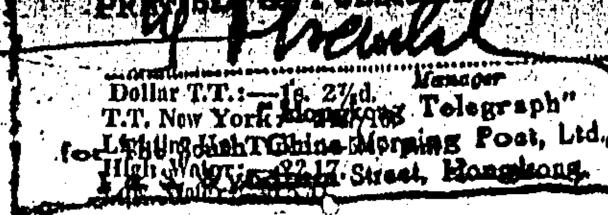
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 27 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIAL-LY ANNOUNCED THAT ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES TO-DAY BOMBED TWO GERMAN DESTROYERS AND ELEVEN GERMAN PATROL SHIPS. ONE OF THE LATTER WAS HIT.

It is also officially announced that two German submarines have been sunk by the French Navy in the last three weeks.

PLANES OVER ENGLAND

What were believed to be German planes were sighted over several coastal points in England to-day. They were presumably reconreoitring.

Two were seen at a great beight over a Suffolk town. trailing white smoke. Hundreds of people watched a third, which was flying over the Thames Estuary at a great height and laid what seemed to be a smoke screen and escaped.

It is recalled that a German plane was shot down in the same area on November 20 while laying a smoke screen.

FRENCH RAID ALARM

PARIS, Dec. 27 (UP).—A ten minute "air alert" alarm was sounded in northern France at 12.15 p.m.,

Sea-Air Battle

Lates the same aircraft attacked

the German coast, and the attack on

the seven patrol ships was close to

their base when the British pilot

The German ships put up a heavy

Are against the aircraft, which never-

BOCHES PUT ON

HITLER SHOW

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuler).—

The failure of what may have

The D.N.B. reported that Hitler was

present in the front lines south of

made his dive attacks.

theless was not damaged.

seven more German patrol ships and

in the North Sea.

several times.

MEAT SOON TO BE RATIONED

No Shortage Likely

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .- It is understood that an announcement of the date on which meat ration. ing will come into force in the United Kirigdom will be made shortly.

Rationing is a natural result of the government's decision to take over the control of the sale, slaughter and distribution of all homeproduced meat early in January.

The control and rationing of meat is designed to maintain the supply throughout the country. No shortage of meat is anticipated.

DOG-FIGHT IN SOUTH

Chinese Planes Give Combat To Invaders

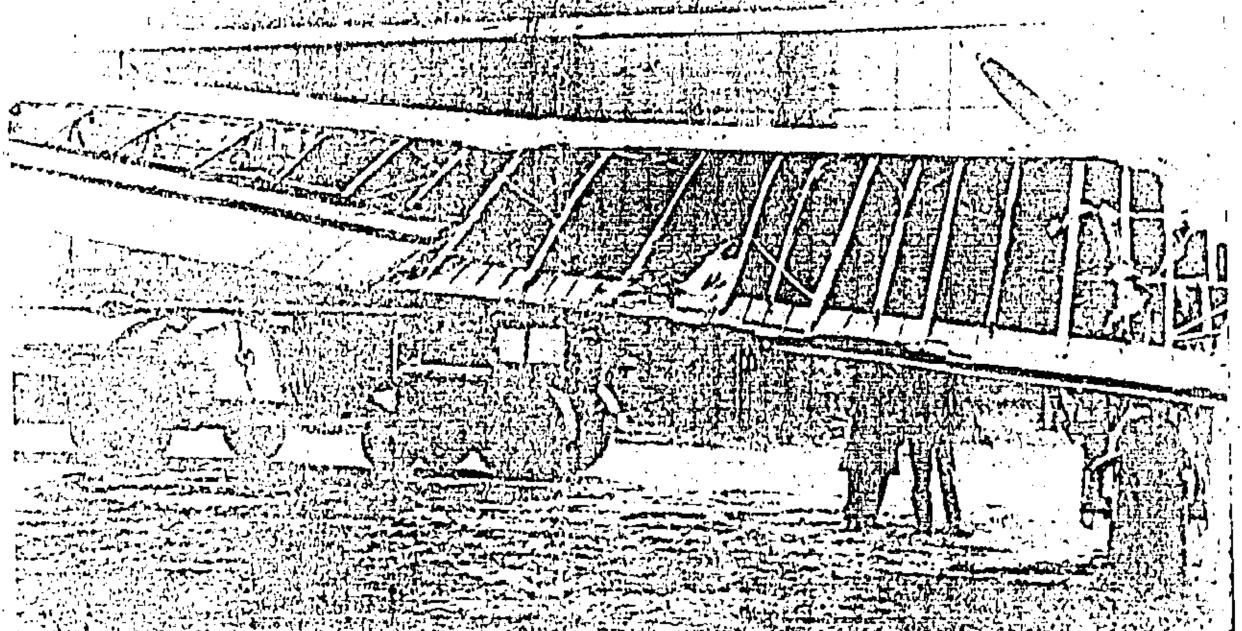
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

A JAPANESE AIR BASE, Dec. 28 (Domei).—The first air duel in South China for over two years is reported to have taken with the blace on Wednesday afternoon to be blace on Wednesday afternoon to be blace on Wednesday afternoon to be blace on the blace of the bl place on Wednesday afternoon when Japanese Army aircraft encountered a flight of Chinese I-16 type pursuit planes over Sunhu, north-east of Nanning, Kwangsi Province.

been a little military show for The Japanese aircraft moved Hitler's personal benefit was the out to support the operations of Japanese ground forces near only incident marring complete Kaotang, about 40 miles north- yesterday. east of Nanning. 🧢

The Chinese pursuit planes, immediately gave combat and, in the first midair engagement in South China, Jananese craft shot down three of the Chinese machines, according to a Japanese cialm.

bombardment of the Chinese forces. The raid ended with the Germans Federal Council by the Swiss delegaand their positions near Kacking a falling back on their own lines, tion reveals that there were coned to their base towards the evening. No Man's Land.



LAST WEEK, the "Telegraph" reported and commented upon the remarkable achievement of a British homber which had the fabric of one of its wings forn away when it was struck by a German antiaircraft shell whilst on a raid over Germany. The explosion completely tore away the fabric of one of the wings. Despite this, the plane succeeded in returning safely to its home base. Here is an official photograph, just received.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter). —R.A.F. planes had encounters BRITISH DIPLOMAT One Dornier bomber was hit Two enemy destroyers and four patrol vessels were attacked with RELEASED

Seized Aboard Ship En Route To London

made at least one hit. Head-On Combats AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27 (Reu-One British aircraft encountered Dornler bomber and registered ter) .- A description of his hits with machine-gun detention by the Nazis was given

to the Oslo correspondent of the bullets. Another British aircraft was in a "Telegranf" by Mr. Gordon series of head-on combats with a Vereker, the British diplomat second Dornier. who has just been released. In the latter encounter, the German bomber was attacked with

Mr. Vereka said that he had bombs dropped by the British pilot wanted to go to England via as he dived towards it. The bombs only narrowly missed Riga, Sweden and Norway, and their objective. When a third Dornier came on the had therefore booked a passage on an Estonian boat which was scene, the two German aircraft flew in a tight circle to bring a cross-five taking 75 Polish refugees to from the front and rear guns to Sweden, presuming that no German bear against their British opponent. warship would be met in this part This manoeuvre was broken by the

steadiness and accuracy of the Bri-"But I had under-estimated. We tish gunner, who observed a number of bursts find their mark on each [were almost in sight of Stockholm. although still outside territorial Dornler, both being damaged and waters, when a German auxillary The attack against the destroyers |cruiser of 15,000 tons appeared and and patrol ships was made close to ordered us to stop,

Taken Prisoner

"The Germans came aboard and took the passengers prisoners." Mr. Vereker then described his landing at the German control port of Swinemande, where he was shut up.

in a military prison. Although his imprisonment was unpleasant, he said, his situation was

The Germans treated him with great correctness and sympathy. and denied him nothing but his freedom.

When the order for his release came, he travelled by car to Sassnitz and then on a regular boat to Sweden.

Tripartite Trade Talks **Held** Up

BERNE, Dec. 27 (Reuter).-Trade Approximately at the spot where negotiations between Great Britain; Hiller was supposed to be, the Ger- France and Switzerland have been mans sent over a raiding party. If suspended, and the Swiss delegation Hitler had really been there he must has returned from Parls, according have heard the rattle of machine- to a wireless announcement to-night Jopanese planes carried out intense guns and the explosions of grenades. The report submitted to the All Japanese Dianes safely toturn- leaving an officer and two men-in siderable differences of opinion be-

finngkong on the dake of publication by the Childed Frees Associations, who results and forbid republication, a control wholly or in part without previous of arrangement.

Crippled Wings The story that one of the R.A.F. machines flew back from Germany to England with no gr

> wing and half the fabric gone from the starboard wing must strike even the layman as remarkable. Yet It is certain that some-

thing of the sort happened, that as the damage occurred over Germany, and that the machine succeeded in getting back to re England, It was not very far above the

waves when it reached home, and we may presume that the crow threw overboard everythings possible to lessen the load, doubtless kept the rubber dingly as their most precious pongession. We may presume, too, that the allerons remained more or less intact.

It is hoped that a photograph of the machine will be available before long and then experial

ANTARCTIC QUEST Admiral Byrd At Wellington

WELLINGTON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Admiral Byrd arrived unexpectedly abourd his Polar-Exploration ship, "North Star," en route to the Antarctic.

The passage out was uneventful the vessel and cargo, including a snow cruiser, were not domaged. Missed Christmas Day:

Christmas Day was missed by the crossing of the international day line but the festival nevertheless, was celebrated with exchange of tills and carol singing. The expedition called at Pitcairn Island, where it found that the inhabitants had an adequate supply

of food to see them through until a supply ship arrived. Admiral Byrd also called at Rapa. mear Pitcaird, where the inhabitants: before his arrival. Were that war had broken out.

JAPANESE MONGOLIAN REVERSES

Admission By Military Spokesman In Peiping

PEIPING, Dec. 27 (Reuter). Japanese military spokesman today show that the Japanese troops in Inner Mongolia were hard pressed by the recent Chinese offensive.

The Japanese casualties in the fighting around Paotow totalled a hundred dead, includ- Lines. ing a full Colonel.

At one time the Chinese gained a foothold in the north-western part of the city but, said the spokesman, were subsequently driven out with heavy

For a time the railway between Kweihua and Kalgan was interrupted, the Chinese apparently succeeding in advancing to the outposts of Kwelhua

before being driven back. The Chinese forces are led by General Fu Tso-yi, former Governor of Suiyuan Province.

Anglo-Chinese Discussions Attempt To Disposo Of Controversies

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter). —A special commentary issued to-day states that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, who will reach Chungking in the next few days on one of his periodical visits, will discuss current questions with the Chinese until the ship ran into a gale, but Government, including the various suggestions for a solution of the Tientsin issues.

No agreement on these issues has yet been reached between the British and Japanese Governments.

The "Asabl Shimbun" sintement that "everything depends on the British attitudo" is manifestly incorrect since the outcome also depends upon the views of the Japanese and Chinese Governments. It is, of course, the object of the Ambassador's visit to Chungking to

obtain; if possible, the consent of the Chinese Government for some reason able arrangement, which will dispose of this troublesome question.

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter),—Stalin is "purging" Red Army leaders connected with the Finnish campaign, according to Paris-Radio.

In a broadcast last night, the French official radio station claimed that three Soviet generals and six other leading Red Army officers have been shot by the O.G.P.U. (secret police) as a result of the setback suffered in Finland.

Raids Mass Finnish

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—To-day has been another day of mass air raids in southern Finland.

More than fifty bombs were dropped on Tampere (Tammerfors) and Abo, but little damage was done. In Abo most of the bombs fell in the working class area.

ALLIES

May Soon Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Domei) .-

The Allies are understood to be

military and financial assistance

It is understood that the

pushing preparations to extend

Sweden and Norway if Soviet

Informed quarters state that Alifed

Meanwhile, the tardy progress in

the Soviet military operations in

Finland is reported to have en-

couraged Balkan nations to revive

their attempts to form a Balkan

neutral bloc. Similar efforts ended

Rumania is reported to be deter-

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).-

A Danish ambulance unit of 130

The wife of the Finnish Minister

U.S. Denial -

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP) .--

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

London reports that the United

LATEST

to Britain announces that the appeal

for comforts for Finnish soldiers has

beds arrived on the central Finnish

in a failure about a month ago.

Scandinavian Aid

assistance to Finland will be made on

to Finland.

front to-day.

Government.

wounding several persons. There were, however, no fatalities. One person was killed and one was wounded in Tampere. Other towns were also raided. Helsingfors was again raided, the alarm lasting for two hours.

Once again no bombs were dropped within the city, although one fire is) reported on the outskirts. some "bombphlets" were picked up. These called on the Finns to join their "Russian friends." A correspondent reports that Russo-Finnish Conflict civilian centres were bombed by the Soviet during Christmas.

Civilians Machine-Gunned An official Finnish statement says that in many cases the planes flew low enough to machine-gun the

civillans. The Soviets lost 23 machines One of the other main targets for Soviet airmen is Viborg, which is only

about 20 miles behind the Manner- Allies are also ready to assist helm Line, ·Viborg has not only been bombed om the air but Soviet arilliery is pressure is extended to them. shelling it from a range of over, 25

Fortunately the bulk of the civilian a larger scale, both militarily and population evacuated some time ago and most of the remaining civilians have-now-also-left-the-city.----

A.R.P. In Helsingfors

New air-raid precautions are announced in Helsingtors.

All motor-cars must be painted white so as to make them difficult to mined to resist both Soviet and Gerbe seen from the air against the snowy background, and for the same man pressure, reason pedestrians out on foot during the raids must carry white sheets which can be spread over themselves -Admissions made by the when Soviet machines come down to More help for Finland is being sent. machine-gun civilians.

Attacks In Waves

While the Russians continued to hummer the left wing of the Mannerheim Line, they were using heavy artillery all along the Karellan Front, met with a wonderful response. sending shells over the Finnish fortifleations to objectives behind the

Viborg particularly is suffering a bombardment by these heavy guns which are estimated to be operating The State Department denied some 25 miles away. The Soviets have launched wave States intends ordering Americans to

after wave of violent attacks against leave Russin and will then sever the Mannetheim Line so far with diplomatic relations with the Soviet Hitle, If any, success. The intense cold is enabling Soviet

anks and artillery to cross the frozen Such operations, however, must be

effected swiftly owing to the vulnerability of the troops on the icc. Finnish planes are constantly on the look-out and mobile patrols are always in readiness to be rushed to menae**ed** spols. A few well-directed bombs on the

ice discouraged more than one Soviet attempt to cross the ice. Latest reports from the Salla front declare that the Russians have retrented altogether 50 miles from their most advanced point of ten days ago when they were nearly half-way across the "waist."

' Suvanto Battle

A communique states that a further Russian attempt to cross Lake PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

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HAS MUSEUM UNIFORMS

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .- Arrivals from Tallinn have an amusing story to tell of the puppet government set up by the Soviets at Terijoki, which calls itself the "Finnish" C'cople's Government", although it has few people to govern.

got its own toy army. Unfortunately fitted out with military costumes of the army has no uniforms of its own. The costumes are worn exactly as the costumes are well as the costumes are costumes are costumes and the cost with a cost wi and the Soviets are too busy fighting they were, 200 years ago, with one the Finns to be able to provide them exception.

The costumes are worn exactly as The musoum was accordingly ran-

In the middle of each cocked hat now appears a Red Star.

way Bay.

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lmagination Was Too Vivid

Nazis Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still afloat,

In a broadcast on Tuesday night, a German station announced that Germany never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She had merely asked where the aircraft carrier was.

which was not true. They, therefore, could not have claimed to have sunk

the Ark Royal. Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, heard to the contrary.

destroyed."

Ark Royal as "like a gigantle torch rates. Shippers who do not sign lighting up the sea" and it was said this contract will be charged non-that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared, contract rates. This arrangement leaving only a huge pall of smoke to will become effective as from mark the spot where she once had February 1, 1940. A new tariff

GOTT MIT HUNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .-The Christmas declarations of King George VI and M. Daladier are favourably contrasted with those of the Nazi leaders by the American

The "Boston Herald" says that the statements of the King and M. Daladier are more understandable to America because they spoke in cautious words of rulers who recognise their responsibilities to their

, people. "Conversely we are shocked by the Christmas message of Herr Hess, in which he said that the German nation feels that God has sent us a The man referred to is not

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is now in preparation.

Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNDT,

Hongkong, December 27, 1939.

Russo-Bulgarian

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .--Trade negotiations between Russia and Bulgarla are expected to open late to-night.

The Bulgarian Mission, consisting of six delegates, is headed by the Minister of Finance.

The Mission arrived in Moscow

Jesus but Hitler," says the journal. | yesterday morning. GARMENT CLEANING SYSTREM

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Intending bidders are advised | case. that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required | to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred Notice is hereby given that Mr. dollars, (\$200) in eash. This sum-G. E. Ahwee has resigned his will be refunded on payment of

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that immediately after the dispo- many enemies," she added. sal of the lot the Purchaser (if officer who will be present at the la sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in eash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

LETTERS PRINCESS

LETTERS between Hitler and Princess Stefanie Hohenlohe - Waldenburg, who unsuccessfully claimed damages from Lord Rothermere for breach of contract, were mentioned in the King's Bench Division during the

from Captain Weidemann, formerly Hitler's personal adjutant, to Lord Rothermere was read. It said:-

"It was her groundwork which made the Munich Agreement pos-

Before the case was adjourned Sir William Jowitt, K.C., said Lord Rothermere considered the claim was

Hungarlan, whom she divorced. alleged she was engaged by Lord Rothermere at a salary of £5,000 a year to act as a special foreign politien representative in Europe. She also claimed that Lord Rother-

mere had failed to carry out promises to vindicate her reputation by ing the night. exposing the falsity of libellous statements in the foreign Press. The princess was cross-examined

about letters that had passed between her and Captain Weldemann. Sir William Jowitt asked her-"Have you availed yourself of the services of Captain Weldemann to put pressure on Lord Rothermere to pay you a large sum of money?"

"I have not," she replied. He asked why she was seeking Hitler's permission to use as evidence letters that had passed between her and the Fuchrer. The princess said that in case the letters were read she had to get this permission.

Hitler's Promise

When Sir William read Captain Weldemann's statement in his letter to Lord Rothermere that it was her groundwork which made the Munich Works Department, by Order of Agreement possible he asked her, "Is that true?"

"Yes," she replied. This letter went on:-

"It was the princess who introduced you to the Fuchrer-a fact which he also greatly appreciates. "In these circumstances, considering the 'chivalrous character' and magnanimity of the Fuehrer, besides the real friendship he has for the princess, there is no doubt | The Surprise Element in my mind that he will grant her any help he can in her fight to reestablish her personal honour and financial status. . . .

"The Fuchrer will grant her permission to use the correspondence With other Germans, including

he unpleasant for Hitler? "Because he hates publicity," said the princess. "He does not like he has been treated—shall I say un-

In conclusion, Captain Weidemann Visits to Relatives Banned suggested the case should be settled, and offered his "personnl help as

replied. "I am very sure that the nouncement on the German Wire-Fuehrer does not wish to be troubled less. in regard to such a trumpery question. . . I have treated the lady with the fullest generosity."

Germany and explain anything to have been ordered to refuse all rethe personal satisfaction of the quests for admission.

The princess said the instruction The Best of the Day that the correspondence was an effort to exert pressure on Lord Rothermere was "absolutely pre-She agreed she became very bitter

saw how he was feted in Hungary without her name being mentioned. am getting desperate."

'Income For Life'

Although, she admitted, she had one Lot of Crown Land at never written an article, she was offered, she said, £25,000 for a "story" of Lord Rothermere's cam-Hong Kong, for a term of 21 paign on behalf of Hungary. She thought the people making the offer Intending bidders are advised were enemies of his, "He has very When Sir William said Lord

Rothermere denied she had men-She added that she never mean

to say Lord Rothermere gave her a job to prevent her publishing the story. She was not suggesting he entered into the contract to buy her silence. Referring to the alleged libels, and clyde. The marriage was dissolved

Lord Rothermere's attitude to them, in 1933. she said she thought he was sacrificing her interests to his own. In 1937 I don't trust you may more."

n year for life, whether she worked portuned him for jewellery. for Lord Rothermore to answer, but added that if the judge (Mr. Justice question of forcing the princess not Tucker) preferred not to give a ruling at that point he would call him.



The "Frankfurter Zeltung" recently published an article, from Zurich, under the heading "Switzerland in the Shadow of War."

It was written in the irritatingly superlor tone reserved by Hitlerite Germany for not very benevolent

Many Swiss, it stated, now see that they, were wrong in criticising M. Motta, their Foreign Minister, who, when France and Great Britain revenled their power policy at the beginning of the Sanctions crisis, cleverly and resolutely disengaged his country from "the dangerous entanglements of Geneva" and prepared the way for Switzerland's return to "integral neutrality."

be none too pleased with his ap- | tors and put his name on a form | parent popularity in Frankfurt.

The article pays a tribute to the he told his fellow-peers. efficiency of the Swiss Army, which, it said, "could certainly show its The princess, former wife of a strength if there were an attempt to most insignificant questions he had break through."

Stalin-square, Berlin

The Inscription Stalin-square was scribbled over a plate in Berlin bearing the name Mussolini-square dur-

R.A.F. Raids Over Germany.

Gen. Stendemann, in command of having been created a peer in 1934; Air Defences in the Ruhr and Rhine his baronetcy dates from 1916. Son industrial areas, was asked at a of a judge in the Royal Court of Jer-Rhineland Press conference why the sey, he is a member of a family— Opposition, commenting on the R.A.F. raiders who dropped pamph- the Falles—that has lived in "the lets over Germany were able to Norman Islands" since the fifteenth escape the anti-aircraft guns, says the century. Amsterdam "De Tijd."

He replied that the raiders usually use a car, preferring to drive in a flew in cloudly weather, and thus carriage and pair. could not be easily seen. On the other hand, neither could the raiding 'planes see their objectives.

He was then pleased to add that the pamphlets often fell in thinly populated areas instead of in the big

All industrial towns and plants, communications and bridges were, he assured the conference, protected by anti-nireraft batteries, balloon barrages, and chaser 'planes.

had been asked to keep their motor- brated over the whole of Spain in has advocated it for years. engines as silent as possible by night commemoration of his appointment to avoid confusing the listening posts. Sirens were sounded as little as possible. Church bells were to be used for warning purposes.

A young German woman, working gave Goebbels a shock.

as evidence, as he will feel it to be some German farmers who had lived a great help for a woman in a fight in Poland, she had been brought against a powerful man but, never- before the microphone to be intertheless, it will be very unpleasant viewed. All the others said their piece well, but when the interviewer Sir William asked why this would asked her if her husband was at the front and was she proud of it, she answered, with spirit:

"Thank God, he is not. For the ournalists, and newspapers because first time I am glad his health is not

Germans who wish to visit relatives in Western Germany will be Sir William said Lord Rothermere unable to do so, according to an an-

Entry into that part of Germany is now possible only with the consent He was, he said, prepared to go to of the military authorities, and they

The deliberate lie has been broadcast by Germany in Arable alleging that the British Government contemplates the recrultment of a against Lord Rothermere when she Jewish army to fight against Arabs. In describing the allegation as preposterous, the British Colonial Office of the Sale by Public Auction | without ner name being mentioned. | point out that if his Majesty's Govto be held on Tuesday, the 2nd mere's son, "In my position one must ernment were to find it necessary to day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., live well, but I have no money and raise forces in Palestine for the deternal aggression, the forces sc raised would be representative of both Arabs and Jews.

"JUNE" SUES HUSBAND

SANTA BARBARA, California. Mrs. Edward Hillman, jun., formernot the applicant) will be required tioned the offer to him, the princess by Lady Inverciyde, is suing her Tel. 58545 to deposit with an authorised replied, "Lord Rothermere is saying husband for a maintenance allowance. They were married at Cannes in August, 1937, and afterwards lived at Beverley Hills. As "June" Mrs. Hillman, jun., was

one of the leading musical comedy netresses in the years after the last In 1929 she married Lord Inver-

she told him, "I give you a warning, to fight these sorts of proceedings, Lord Rothermere had never heard Her understanding of her contract about the publication of articles by was that she should be paid £5,000 the princess for £25,000. If any offer had been made it could only

for him or not. She had never im- have been done by blackmallers. Regarding the alleged libels. Lord Rothermere took the view that Jowitt submitted there was no case was best to treat the matter with the contempt it deserved. There was no to take action.

Until the present notion the had Opening the case for Lord Rother- never heard any suggestion that he mere, Sir William said it needed not had made a contract to support the a little courage by Lord Rothermere princess for life.

Poser Passport From Peer Islands

LORD PORTSEA, who will be 80 next year, created a diversion in the House of Lords recently when he demanded to know why. "a Member of this House on a visit to the Norman Archipelago (the appanage of the Crown) was required to obtain a passport before being permitted to return to the mainland to attend to duties."

The Norman Archipelago is better known to most people as the Channel Islands. Lord Portsea is a Channel Islander, and was the subject of his own question."

"A Peer's Rights"

"A member of this House should have the right to return to his duty without having to M. Motta, it may be surmised, will associate with aliens and traigiven him by the Allens Office,'

> Lord Newton said it was one of the Paper, and he grudged the time, trouble and even the money, spent in preparing an answer.

We were in a state of war, he continued. The War Office had made certain regulations, and travellers had to have a special permit.

Son of Jersey Judge Lord Portsen is the first baron,

Amnesty By Franco

MADRID.

as Chief of State three years ago. In addition Gen. Franco commuted a large number of death sentences

in various parts of Spain.

TRIPLETS ARE ORPHANS NOW

TRIPLETS, two girls and a boy, were born in a Portsmouth hospital seven months ago. Their mother died the following

By the sinking of the Royal Oak they have lost their father, Able-Seaman Eric Hingston. All three, have been adopted.

Australian Conscription

Mr. John Curtin, Leader of the Government's decision to introduce compulsory militin training, said that Labour was irrevocably opposed to He is a strong Tory and refuses to any departure from the voluntary

The Australasian Council of Trade Unions is expected to demand that the Labour Advisory Committee should formulate a common policy

against compulsion. It realises that many in the labour Gen. Franco has pardoned several ranks are not opposed to its reinthousand army and naval officers treduction, and that this will actually who were serving sentences of be-tween six months and six years' strengthen the Ministry's position imprisonment, it is announced here. with Parliament, The Country The decision was made on a Sunday, Party has always strongly supported He also stated that transport men "Franco's Day," which was cele- it, and the Returned Soldiers' League

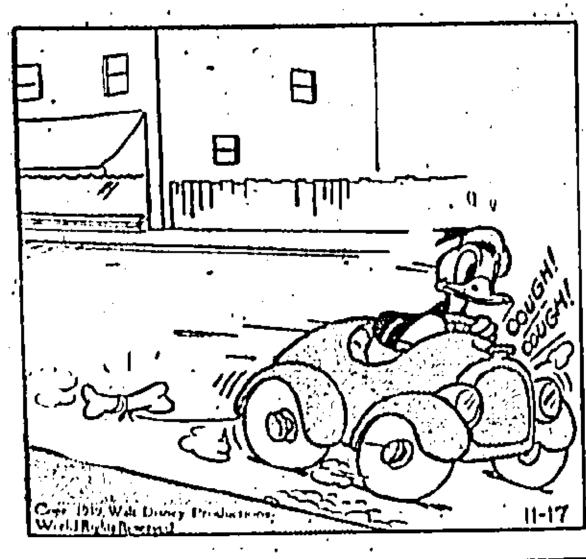
It is expected that the first class to be called up under the compulsory system in January will number 20,-000 men.

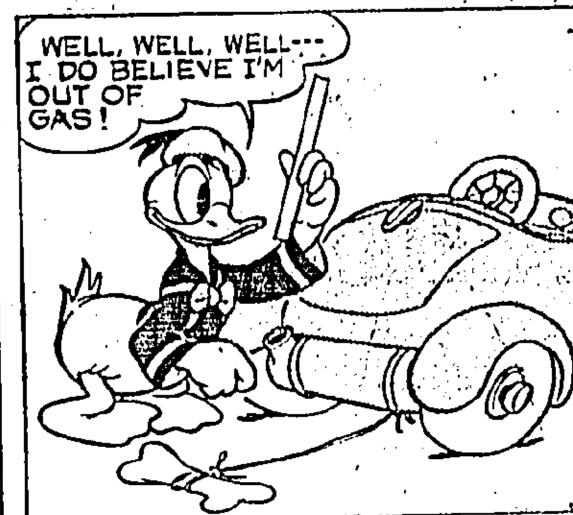
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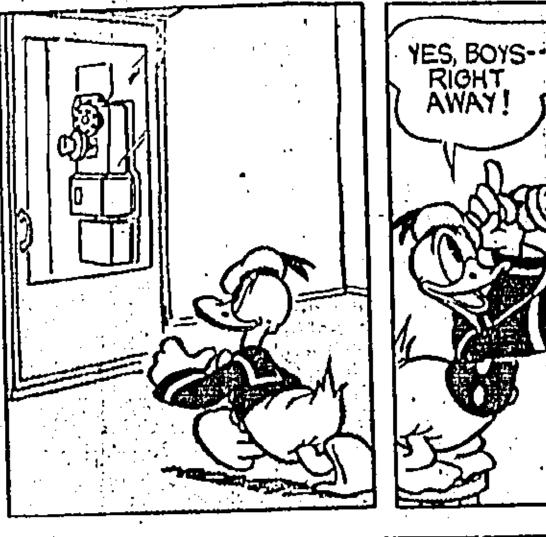
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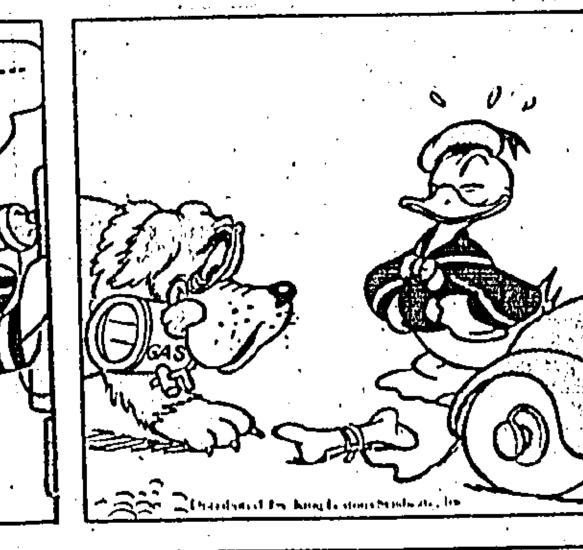


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Peer of 83 Returns to The Fray

TIME man who had the last audience with Queen Victoria before she died-to receive instructions about the Boer War-came back to the House of Lords in fighting mood

He was Lord Midleton, War Minister from 1900 to 1903, new 83 years old, who, as Mr. St. John Brodrick, had his name perpetuated in the

"Brodrick Cap." This is how he described the great exodus from the 'Ministry' of In-

"At midnight, on October 8, this turgld stream of incongruities overflowed its banks and 350 were transferred to a special department under Sir Walter Monekton." The Brodrick forage cap was intro-

duced into the British Army in 1902, after Mr. St. John Brodrick. then War Minister, had watched the German Army manocuvres, but 30 years later, he revealed that it approved the cap. (Lord Camrose has left the Ministry Janeiro.

> GAS AS A WEAPON

(Continued from Page 4.)

of Information).

A well contaminated area may on [

to be had where it is wanted. of offence, largely due to the element hours. of surprise when it was first introduced. It was an aid to offence when troops were unprepared to meet it. After gas masks had become general it was more of a nulsance

In this war it will be a weapon of arrived in Switzerland this morning the University, as a private person defence, and thus it will undoubtedly from Rumania en route to Feiberg, for reasons of health only.—United their infancy. be employed eventually.

than anything. Gas tactics were in

museum major take

Daily Express Correspondent

ELY (Cambs.).

A STORY of 4,000 years ago, represented by an animal skull with a stone axe-head stuck in it, has been believed until to-night, when Major Gordon E. Fowler denied it.

Paris to Rio fully prove his denial. At 25,000ft.

FLYING at an average a prehistoric fight to the death. reight of 25,000ft., Paul Codes and Guillaumet have piloted was King Edward VII. who actually France's first sub-stratosphere plane from Paris to Rio de

> prepared and made in secret—they ing at a meeting at Ely to-night often reached 30,000ft.

> The four-engined machine, named Camille Flammarion, after the great He said afterwards: "The axe was scientist has an air-tight cabin but placed in the skull by the man who no other special apparatus for high perpetrated the trick on the scienaltitude flying.

Calls were made at Dakar (Seneoccasions be worth a division—par- gal) and at Natal (Brazil) after ticularly when there is not a division crossing the Atlantic in 12 hours about the perpetrator, but he could (average speed 170 m.p.h.); flying not divulge the full story until five Gas in the last war was a weapon time from Natal to Rio was 10 years after the man's death. He had

PRESIDENT RETIRES

Zurich Dec. 27. According to the Polish authorities, Press.

But another three years must pass before Major Fowler can

For the last fifty years the skull and axe have been an exhibit in the Sidgwick Museum at Cambridge. And scientists, students and public have accepted them as evidence of

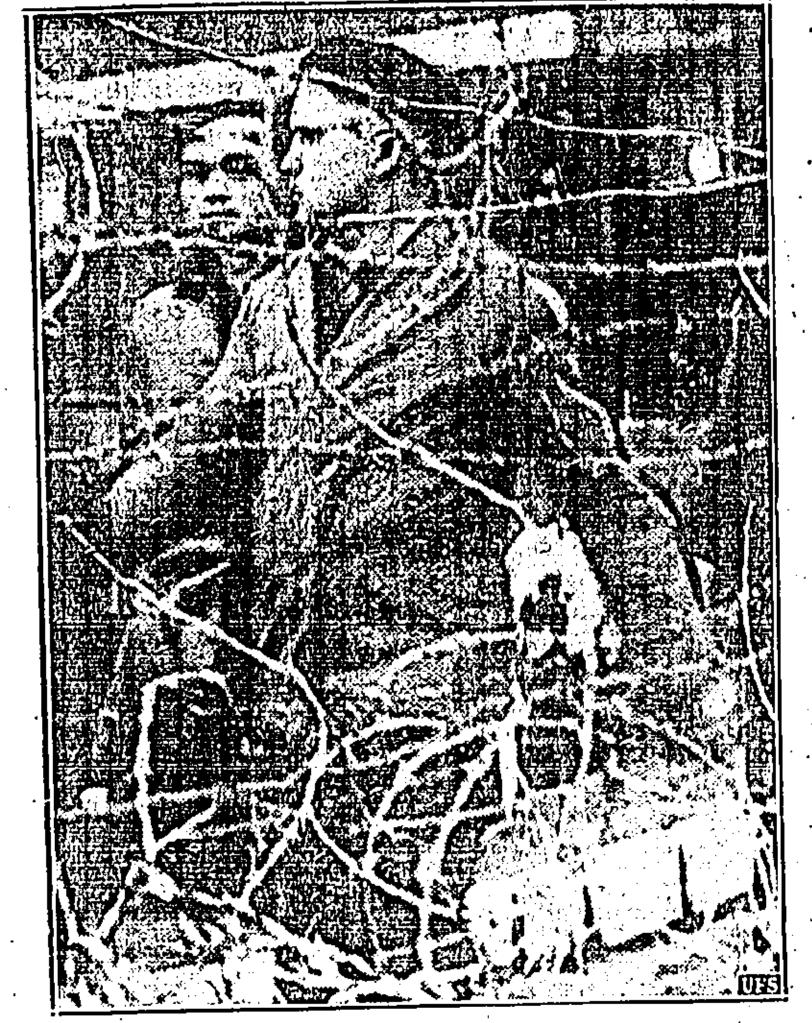
But Major Fowler says in effect; Bunk. You have all been diddled. I know the man who diddled you. but I can't name him-yet.

Major Fowler is a Fenland re-During their 5,000-mile flight- search enthusiast, and he was speakwhen he alleged that the exhibit was a fake.

He added that he knew the facts

It is expected that the museum will now call in experts to investigate Major Fowler's statement.

M. Moscicki, former President of M. Moscicki will stay at Freiberg, Poland, with his wife and daughter where he was once a professor at



German soldiers who won't be required to fight in the war again. They're prisoners in a British internment camp somewhere in England. They'll be there for war's duration.

ONE NAZI CHIEF IS A MEGALOMANIAC

-Guess his name

"THE megalomania of one man defeated the Prime Minister and defeated me also," said Sir Nevile Henderson, formerly Ambassador in Berlin, at a Press Club

"Had Hitler stopped after Munich, co-operation even with him might still have been possible. But Hitler would not, or could not, stop."

deep conviction that if war was to be avoided it was necessary to find some means of coming to an understanding with the German people.

Some Good Nazis

and the Nazi Party," he sald. "That was her affair, and there was nothing I could do about that. Therefore, if ed up for Army service. one wanted an understanding one had to get it with the Nazi Govern-

certain aspects of the regime one ment in His Majesty's forces." might have tolerated.

"My mission ended in tragic failure. I think it probably could not have ended in any other way.

fear of a dictator, and of a small ex- hand bleeding and parts of two tremist minority that they will lose fingers missing. In the back room their jobs, becomes more oppressive. his employer found a cleaver. "In splie of all the bitterness of failure, I still assert that the Nazi Richards was stated to have said: "I case, in the beginning, had a certain have been very worried lately over

is no distinction between Nazism and talked with the chaps working with despair, and this war will have been if war came. They said. You will have to do it, have to go.' I said I would rather be we have not helped to teach the have to go.' I said I would rather be German people themselves that dis- a conscientious objector They said: tiriction.

with it was not fair.

"Hitter himself was the more "I was driven up to a pitch and I creation of the feeling of every Germust have done it last Tuesday mornman against the discrimination and ing. injustice of Versailles."

Sir Novile said the war must be I wouldn't have done it. I am leftfought and won, and we must end handed in most things, but I write it in such a way that the only griev- with my right hand." against their own rulers, their lenders, and the system which brought has been greatly changed in the last them again to defeat.

Sir Nevlle said he went to Berlin | Called Up, Cut Off Fingers

CAMBORNE (Cornwall.) A YOUNG man was alleged "Germany was governed by Hitler to have cut off two fingers of his right hand to prevent being call-

Norman Richards (25), of Trevorlan Farm, Camborne, a butcher's assistant, was committed for trial at "There were good Nazis, just as Penzance Quarter Sessions on a there were bad Nazis; there were charge of having, on September 5, Nazi Idealists, just as much as "unlawfully mairned himself by cutthere were self-seeking adven- ting off the first and second fingers turers and bullies. There were of his right hand to prevent enlist-

In Butcher's Shop

On the evening of September 5, it was alleged, Richards went to a back "The ambitions and appetites of room at the shop where he was emdictator grow as the need for ployed in Camborne and a little later dictatorship diminishes, and as the returned to the shop with his right

To Detective-Constable Julian measure of justification, and that the the international situation and the too-sweeping condemnation in Eng- war. I cannot sleep. I am sorry I

back again." "It may be, as some say, that there A further alleged statement by him got worried.

"If I had my time to go over again

two months, thanks to the pro-"When I left Germany my experiexce was that there was no hatred
among the mass of the German
people stainst England as there was
in 1914. My information is that this

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land of everything that had to do did li. I wish I had my two fingers C2964—Gilbert and Sullivan Selection. Mikado. Yeomen of the Guard. Pirates of Penzance. Gondoliers. Iolanthe. Now Mayfair Orch. TSANG FOOK PIANO COMPANY

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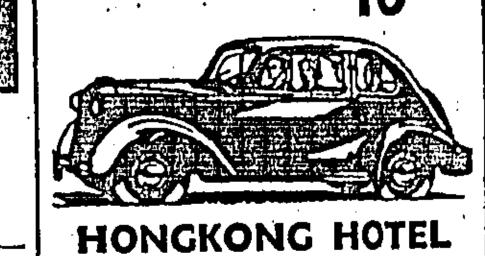
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Someone Blundered

How long Germany can wage war, and with what prospect o success, is a question exercising the talents of government experts in several countries. In all their estimates, speculation in some measure is necessarily present. The knowledge whether Hitler deliber- scarce, there is no coal. ately chose war with Britain and square miles (size of England, Scot-land and Wales).

Not only was the pocket of Coroner would have reduced enemy ship and the attempts of battleship's total weight of fire the target to splinters in a few the bridge to dodge the fall of land and Wales). France or whether he blundered into it on the assumption that these mations-would-not-fight-this-would help toward an estimate of Germany's real strength.

If Hitler deliberately chose war against two powerful nations in ad- TURING the last few years dition to Poland, one might assume through. But if he blundered into it, relying on bluff to win the day, on his own cleverness that he may have relied.

Reikichi Kita, member of the Japanese House of Representatives, | Prof. J. B. S. Haldane yesterday. indicating Hitler did not believe Britain and France would fight, is of the principal Governments of the world, gathered at Geneva, forswore the use of all asphyxiating and blistering gases for evermore. The Governments of the world have forsworn many things that they have at Nuremberg, but who decided be- subsequently done. cause of the crisis to go immediately | Will this prove to be another? to Stockholm, was urged in a note from Hitler to stay in Germany because there would not be war.

It was not possible for the Allied diplomats, in direct negotiation with Hitler, to know certainly whether he was really ready to face a major Mussellal for his action, but from a war. Many assessed his boldness military point of view, he was only doing what any nation might do with as bluff. Some appear to have felt its back to the wall—take the best that at the last moment, Hitler began to realize what he was up weapon; and no more inhuman than against but decided to go ahead even into general war. Mr. Kita's of his fellow man. report, supporting the views of those who believe Hitler blundered. But it may put quite a lot of men helps also to explain why he risked the Russian partnership. Had that the blistering gases. Except for the last gigantic bluff worked, Hitler might have had Poland and peacehis kind of peace, a spectacular victory over the western demo- breeze quickly blows them away. cracies and some gains at the expense; of the Soviet, granted unwittingly by Stalin's own hand. But if somebody blundered, it

wasn't Stalin:

PRAYER Be not afraid to pray-to pray is Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray, Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay;

SONNET

Pray in the darkness, if there be no light. Far is the time, remote from human sight,

When war and discord on the earth shall cease; Yet every prayer for universal

Avails the blessed time to ex-What'er is good to wish, ask that of Heaven,

Though it be what thou canst not hope to see: Pray to be perfect, though material leaven Forbid the spirit so on earth to But if for any wish thou darest

Then pray to God to cast that wish away. -Hartley Coleridge.

TEN FACTS ABOUT FINLAND

action with the Admiral 1. A Swedish colony for 500 years. Finland was ceded to the expanding Russian Empire in three stages during the eighteenth century,

2. Backed by German troops, she finally won her independence crushing a Communist revolt

probable in the report. 3. Finland, has been, friendly with Germany since. Coloured shirts | hunt for the German pocket and swastikas are much in evidence. although the Government is a Social battleships, those of us who re-Democratic-Agrarian coalition.

4. The country is governed by a President (elected for six years), a Council of State, and a Diet of 200. 5. Finland was the first country to some of our searching light give votes to women under a shortlived self-government constitution granted by the Czars in 1907. They still have them.

6. Flans are mainly Lutheran the German Navy might precede Protestants. Their other religion is the extinction of the raiders. physical fitness. Remember Paavo Nurmi, the runner?

educated and most cultured races in respective ships:-

8. Aslatic in origin, they moved from the Volga in the eighth century. They are related to the Estonians and Hungarians.

to the coast on the country's many

1 lbs. lbs. lbs. Graf Spee class 670 4,020 12,060

1. Tactics

HEN the first whis-

much greater than that of one forerunners.

Hitlers

Scheer (as we believed the hope, as it seemed, to be within were three of them on the spot. Ever since the start of the range where they could damage the German without being themmember the battle of Coronel have feared that the Germans few salvoes.

might have the luck to catch It didn't work out that way. The gunnery of the Germans cruisers out of reach of prowas by no means up to their tection of the bigger ships, and usual standard-which was dethat another easy triumph for monstrated when the Deutschland sank the Rawalpindi. We are told that at the start of the The fear was reasonable. battle the only ship engaging 7. They are also one of the best Consider the gun power of the the Graf Spee was the Exeter.

The German gunners had at Single B'side that time only the one target; Shell B'side per min. they had also only the fire of one ship to unsettle them.

At that stage gunners of the 9. Main product is timber carried Archilles class 100 800 8,000 skill of those who fought under to the coast of the country's many Exeter class . 250 1,500 7,500 Admiral von Spee at the battle Not only was the pocket of Coronel would have reduced

At the beginning of the war Germany's battle steet consisted of the three pocket battleships Graf Spee, Admiral Scheer, and Deutschland, and the battleships Scharnhorst and

any of our cruisers. The crushing, battleship named after that effect of one 670lb. shell is so admiral were not worthy of their

per reached me that damage done by one greater than But the battle was a remarkthe Achilles was in that by six of the British shells able triumph for the gunnery -because of its concentration in men of the British cruisers. For such comparatively light craft Moreover, the British crui- to knock a ship of the size of ship to be at that time) and sers' gun range is some 18,000 the Graf Spee about so badly then later that she had been yards, which is well inside the without being smashed up themsunk, I saw nothing im- 30,000 yards of the German selves is a feat that takes some ship. The cruisers could not believing, even though there

Why were our gunnery men so successful, the Germans so surselves under such weight of fire prisingly bad? The answer is in as must annihilate them in a the tactics which the British cruisers adopted.

The British tactics seem to have been modelled on those of Sturdee at the battle of the Falklands — a long, running fight; excess of speed ensuring that touch could always be kept; steady hammering at the enemy for hours on end with slow, concentrated fire at intervals so as not to waste a salvo by hitting at the empty air; skilful dodging of his salvoes by manoeuvring, and, of course, simultaneous concentration of fire from three directions to worry both the gunnery control in the

Observers outside the ship have already told us of damage to-the-superstructure and the bridge of the Graf Spee. But that is superficial damage, and would not of itself explain her decision to seek shelter in the of the time. In the same way men neutral harbour. Yet her armoured sides should have been Shell fire can flatten wire, and that sufficient to resist shells of the is the main purpose of a barrage calibre that were fired at her. before an advance against a defended position. Tanks largely came She is reputed to have had armoured decks as a defence against But gas is subject to none of these plunging fire (that is, shells and ner gun turrets had seven-But it its chief use is defensive, it inch armour. Either British can also play a part in an offensive, shells to-day, even of medium place that barbed wire held in the particularly in open warfare. Troops calibre, are a vast deal more last war. their flanks by contaminating the powerful than we have ever suspected, or the construction of the pocket battleships is nothing like as formidable in defence as we have been led to believe.

BEHIND THE WAR NEWS

1. there has been more public. discussion on the subject of he counted on the material equip- gas in warfare than on most lay gas in front of a weakly held ment of the Third Reich to carry it lother aspects of the science of mutual destruction.

For some reason it has always offensive, gas is an effective a barrier that I disadvantages. It is thus in defence a dropping from a great height), it was not on German strength but been more efforts to make rules for hard pressed will use it; it will be its use than there have been to unable to overcome the temptation.

could be used. The improbability of its use against last war. Thus the recent disclosure by the civilian population, and the reasons why it should inspire little fear If it is, were very clearly shown by

> But the professor said nothing as to its use on the field of battle.

Already one nation—Italy—has used gas in war during the last few years. The compaign in Ethiopia seemed to be at a standstill. Gas made it fluid again, and the Italians

Many hard things were said of means to get away, from it.

Gas in war is a very valuable anything else that is designed by man for the mutilation or destruction It does not do the former and it.

comparatively rarely does the latter. out of action for quite a long time. The important gases are, of course, element of surprise among troops unprepared to meet them, asphyxiating gases have little military value to-

They are volatile and a slight Since modern armies are provided with gas-mask, it means that asphysiating gases only add another to the mar | discomforts of war.

Gas, therefore, appears as a yaluable ald to defence. It is possible to

sector so that troops may be concentrated in front of another sector. Then again, in withstanding an For some reason it has always offensive, gas is an effective barrier. abolish the circumstances in which it To a large extent it will take the

> In laying wire, men have to expose themselves, and as night a front can be, and probably will be, lit up most

can crawl forward to cut it.

into existence to overcome wire. much nore valuable ald than ever

country on each side of them. PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



Hmmm-sho looks too young to be his daughter-she must be

2. Strategy

The strategical disposition of the British forces in the South ... Atlantic to deal with the problem of the raiders has been justified by the event.

It has always been obvious to the student of naval warfare that if the raiders were to doany damage it could be done only at the focal points, those areas of the sea into which merchant ships must come as they approach or leave the harbours. They might roam the open space for weeks on end, as they have done, without catching more. than an occasional freighter.

Our covering forces did not need to roam the seas wildly looking for them. Somer orlater they must venture into the areas where shipping was to be found. The mouth of the River-Plate and a hundred miles toseaward of it is a vital focal point. There are several others. in the South Atlantic. Thereare several in the Indian Ocean...

There and thereabouts was the place in which our patrolswere most needed. And precisely off the River Plate the Graft Spee runs straight into some of.

NEWS PAGE

OPENING OF THE YANGTSE

Tokyo, Dec. 27. The Foreign Office spokesman, Mr. Suma, stated to-day that as a resul of the American announcement that trade and shipping will continue, the apprehension arising out of a nontreaty situation will be wiped out. Japan would like both parties to reguinte their relations through a legal status for at least one year rather than from day to day. It was still hoped to establish such a legal

The spokesman said that the new Chinese Government would probably be established before the Yangtse is DULLILLED re-opened, and America and other nations should deal with the Chinese

Pressed by correspondents, the By courtesy of the Blue Funnel spokesman said that recognition of Line, 14 cases of supplies will be sent the new regime was not necessary to England by the next steamer by the for the re-opening of the river. B.W.O.F. The materials were pur-Whether the re-opening is made be- chased from public donations to the fore or after the formation of the fund. new regime, regulations will be set | The contents of the cases are:

up by the Japanese. ed the final word in China affairs to 270 pairs hospital socks. seems improbable, but he refused to 319 scarves, 44 Balaclava helmets, discuss the matter in detail.—United | 168 pairs mittens, 318 pairs socks.

Shanghai Comment

Shanghal, Dec. 27. Commenting editorially on the report from Washington that the Japanese Ambassador, Mr. Horinouchi, was essential.-United Press. had stated that the Japanese Government cannot make concessions to America for the purpose of effecting a new trade treaty without consulting the Japanese military authorities in China, the China Press, American daily, states, "This is the first time that the Japanese Government has told the world that it is really the Japanese military authorities who are ruling Japan.

"Is the desire to be friendly with the United States the desire of the Japanese Government or the military authorities in China?" the paper

"Is it of lasting value for the United States to conclude a new treaty with Tokyo when the military authorities in China can at any moment upset the agreement by withdrawing approval and support?

"The power of the milliary authorities was fully demonstrated in the Tientsin incdient and the fallure of the Tokyo conference when the representative of the Japanese Army in North China walked out in a huff. The same pattern of events may happen in regard to the American-Japanese negotiations.

"Mr. Horinouchi's candid statement and people."-Reuter.

Demands Increasing

day that passive neutrality on the Shanghal, met in another conference were captured. part of third Powers, cessation of as- at Bagulo on Tuesday. American treaty, will be insufficient route back to Shanghai on Wednes- operations, when 20 additional tanks to lift the barriers. Therefore active day afternoon aboard the President were destroyed.—United Press. co-operation with the Japanese to es- Pierce.-Domei.

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TELEGRAPH

Mr. Vereker Now Free

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— Information has reached London that Mr. George Gordon Vereker, Acting Counsellor at the British Embassy in Moscow, who was taken prisoner by the Germans in the Baltle, has been released.

'Mr. Vereker was on the way to England via Tallinn and Stockholm when his ship was intercepted and taken to Swinemund where he was taken

COMFORTS

The hospital supplies are being prestige of the Soviet Union as a groups of attackers. sent to the British Red Cross and military Power. knitted articles to the Officer in Charge, Army Comforts,

tablish the new order in East Asia

Philippines Views Monila, Dec. 27.

ferring to the Ambassador's Press unable to re-open the offensive with interview in Washington, in which he stated that a new Japanese-American by which time much may have hapstated that a new Japanese-American by which time much may have hapstated that a new Japanese-American by which time much may have hapstated the intense bombing of could surmount all obstacles.

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"Old Soldiers" to admitting that there are two Ja- ther became severe, and their Mannerheim Line, where the Russian They have served with screw guns in deal; firstly, the military administra- political repercussions.—Reuter. tion in China and, secondly, the civil or diplomatic administration at

The newspaper says if Mr. Horinouchi did not mean to be understood to say the Japanese Army is an authority in itself, "if he did not mean to accord it a status different from that which the Army ordinarily intended as building an excuse in ad- population down to 7,000. vance for any delay, an excuse that

Baguio Conference Manila; Dec. 27.

Tokyo Cabinet Crisis

BY LEADERS

Tokyo, Dec. 27. | The Yominri Shimbun says: The House of Peers met in a storm is bound to break out in the plenary session this morning. Prince Sanetaka Ichijo, Kayokai, may reach fever pitch at which the moved measures expressing condo- Government may find itself fatally lences with the war dead and grati- stricken." tude to the officers and men in action, The movement, according to the which were unanimously passed.

Asahi Shimbun, is not engineered by which were unanimously passed.

The War Minister, General Hata, political schemers but has automapointed out that the achievements of itically grown out of actual visits paid the Japanese Army on the Continent by Diet members to their constituenshould first be attributed to the cies, when they saw actual conditions. august virtues of the Emperor, but -Reuter. they have also been greatly encour-

in co-operation with the Army. the House had finished its business noon. for the end of this year and that the House would adjourn until the be-

ginning of next year.-Domei. .. Non-Confidence Resolution

Tokyo, Doc. 27. Agitation for the resignation of the panese political parties,

passed a resolution that the Cabinet signing before the resumption of the presentative M.P.'s. Diet session on January 21.

Out of the total of 400 members of Government has been started by Ja- th Lower House, 250 met in an informal rally in the Diet building on At a private conference 250 mem- Tuesday afternoon after the House bers of the Lower House yesterday finished the day's proceedings. The resolution was presented to should consider the question of re- Premier Abe this morning by 16 re-

of State uffairs.

It is recalled that Premier Abo Members of five political parties recently inaugurated a series of conattended the meeting which was versations with the leaders of political played up in most newspapers this parties and was credited with having to-day resumed, their, attempt, to smugglers for the transit of goods up

Abe Given Active

The resolution urges the Cabinet to

declares that sentiment among poli- Premier Abe this morning called make the whole of the main defence . Large-scale smuggling is said to be forfeited the confidence of the nation Keeper of Privy Seal and remained But the Finns weeks ago forsaw considerable revenue and enabling because of the many blunders. This closeted with the latter for about one these tactics, for which they are now the Japanese to push the sale of their sentiment, it adds, will intensity. hour Domei.

Moscow Silent in Face Reports Of Damaging Of Terrific Losses

The reports of huge Russian losses in the ineffective Finnish campaign continue uncontradicted. It is evident that with the defenders still occupying their main defences in the south, countering successfully in the east north of Lake Ladoga, and bitter weather forcing a statemate in the north, an early conclusion of hostilities in favour of the Soviet is unlikely.

efficiently.

ed and wounded.

totalled 2.200 dead and ten thousand

Finnish military authorities point

This is especially true, they say,

Astonishing

Customs

Figures

"Free China"

According to these statistics, Cus-

Japanese occupation amounted to

nterference" was estimated

Chungking's Adverse Balance

Smuggling Problem

particularly through Hankow via

\$155,942,000.

London, Dec. 27. | The Russians tried crossing the ice Alarming and doubtless ex- of the dividing lakes which hitherto aggerated reports are now beginning have been cut by a narrow canal, but to circulate in Moscow and to gain which during the last few days with credence in the absence of any the temperature at ten or fifteen beofficial denials or details of what is low zero, have frozen over completely taking place in Finland, states and are sufficiently strong to take The Times Moscow correspondent. troops. These rumours from abroad put! The Russians are attempting to

Red Army ensualties at between thrust across the ice as various points 25,000 and 30,000 dead and between on a thirty mile front on lake 30,000 and 40,000 wounded, frost-Suvanto. Their efforts have been bitten, ill, captured or deserted. broken up till now. Hospital supplies.—3,000 bandages, Figures of this kind do not represent The open space of the lakes pro-Referring to the reports that Mr. 176 sheets and towels, 8,595 swabs, a calamity for an army so large as vides a clear target for artillery and Horinouchi at an interview attribut- 752 dressings, 242 operating coats, the Red Army, but they lead to much machine-gun fire from the banks, talk which does not redound to the from which the Finns are able to the Army, the spokesman said this Army Comforts.—269 pullovers, credit of the regime. Reports from mow down the slowly moving Rusthe Finnish war sectors must have sians troops. Their artillery fire done considerable damage to the often broke the ice and drowned

> futing the most recent reports of across the ice, unseen in their white scrious reverses in central and north- clothes, to harass the Russians at ern Finland, the only parts in which but few Russians can use skates The mule their troops had made progress.

their troops had made progress. The latest reports from Finland The Manila Daily Bulletin, re- suggest that the Red Army may be officials in China, says the Japanese Government expected to liquidate ped, especially across the narrow chain Ambassador "came preciously close Finland's resistance before the weath of lakes along the left of the panese governments with which to failure may have serious internal advances have cost them many kill-

Evacuating Vilpuri-

With Finnish Forces, Dec. 26. As a precaution, the Finnish authorities have ordered the immediate wounded. evacuation of all people who can be spared from the town of Vilpuri, out the well known military axiom A special train to-night is taking that the attacker's losses are always them to take up their burdens again. 4,000 evacuees. The previous for out of proportion to the deconclusion that his statement, is evacuation brought the civillan since of proportion to the Rus-

Soviet planes dropped ten bombs casualties, the correct toll must be on Porvoo, 30 miles from Helsinki, many times higher could be used when and if it becomes necessary to ask for time out."

| comes necessary to ask for time out." | people. Only two of the bombs ex| defenders have all the advantages.

The Russians in the Isthmus yes-Leading American officials in the terday attempted to cross the Unanto was merely prepared for the mental outlook of the American Government places, including Mr. Francis B. Akkola, Kuija and Tolosuls—but they and people."—Reuter.

Sayre, the High Commissioner in the were repulsed everywhere. Seven Philippines;—Admiral—Charles-Hart, hundred—Russians—were-killed_and_a the Commander-in-Chief of the total of 23 Russian planes were shot United States Asiatic Ficet, and Mr. down. Five infantry guns, 10 ma-A Japanese spokesman stated to- C. E. Gauss, the Consul-General at chine guns and five quick-firing guns

Several tanks were also put out of sistance to Chiang Kal-shek and also Mr. Gauss, the Consul-General at commission and 50 prisoners were the conclusion of a new Japanese- Shanghai, will sail from here on taken during the Christmas Day Favourable Balance For

Reuter says the long distance bombardment was concentrated on the central sector of the Mannerhelm ter).—The Customs returns and caused to property through oil Christmas Day and continued all day figures for the first three quar- working. Line. It started on the evening of yeslerday at a rate of about 40 shells ters of 1939, both for "Free per hour.

Soviet Planes Active

Rovameni, Dec. 27. The Russians have been driven back on the northern front. They have lost over 5,000 men taken pri- toms in "Free China" registered a soner, while the forests are filled with favourable international balance of Russian wounded. The arrival of \$33,645,000 (national dollars) while Russlan reinforcements is reported, the figures for the occupied areas, in-A number of Finnish towns were cluding the districts of Shanghai and Diet. Opposition to the Government again bombed by the Russians, ac- Kowloon, show an unfavourable cording to Helsinki messages, and the foreign balance of \$405,115,000. rallway line continues to be the objective of the Soviet airmen. Viborg has been the target for repeated air attacks. Many houses have been destroyed or set on fire.

Russians Fall Back

co-operation with the Army.

at an informal raily on Tuesday after—Finnish troops have advanced several foo show adverse balances of \$45,
The Speaker then announced that noon.

A further Russian attack along the kilometres. kilometres. Some action is reported at Suomusrespectively. "pay serious consideration to the

question of whether it should remain salmi. Nothing new has occurred at in power or not" in view of its grave High military quarters estimate obligations to give their advice to that the Russians have concentrated the Throne in regard to the conduct 300,000 men, or nearly 20 divisions, on the eastern frontier between the Arctic Ocean and Lake Ladoga. It is thought likely that the Finns will make a surprise attack in territory

pressure.—United Press. Finns On Skates

north of Lake Ladoga to relieve the

With the Minnish Anny, Kerelia, Ichang. Dec. 27. It is alleged that the Japanese

Using new methods, the Russians authorities are giving facilities to norning.

secured their support for the Adresh through the left of the Manthe Kokumin Shimbun bluntly ministration.

well prepared.

Nazi Over Essex

There was no air raid warning and there was no gunfire heard. The first plane was seen coming in from the North Sea near the Thames Estuary, flying at a great height and hardly visible to the naked eye.

It left a thin trail of white

A few minutes later it was seen over another Essex town flying towards the coast. It is thought by observers on the coast to have been a German reconnaissance plance

Horse-Sense

To France

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter) At Plerips for the first time the proving again that no war or The Soviet Government's policy of Finns put some of their patrols on military operations can safely secrecy lalso prevents it from re- skates to enable them to glide silently be conducted without mules, writes "Reuter's" military cor-

The mule will retain his indispensability whatever the circum-Last night the Finns had the ad- stances. It was frequently demonsvantage. Low clouds prevented air trated in the last war that the mule

India are old soldiers in every sense. the North-West Frontier or in pack trains attacked by the mobile columns The Moscow Radio claimed a few of Razmak or Wana, days ago that their total losses had Accompanied by the mule, transport been slight, while the Finnish losses

columns can go anywhere and guns can be galloped into action and mounted in the wildest locations. Mules have enough sense to remain

Control

ter).-The Government has approved the law drafted by President Cardenas which excludes private individuals, excepting Mexicans with certain qualifications, from exploiting

hitherto pald to landowners, but CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reu-provides for compensation for damage

Mexicans excepted under this law, must be financially, technically, China" and the occupied areas, morally and physically capable of were published in the Bank of carrying out the work of exploita-China's "Financial Review" to- tion.

MASS RAIDS ON FINNISH CITIES

The battle continues.

whole, have caused insignificant

Kinochow, Chinwangiao and Chee- cross the Suvanto River. 000,000, \$13,000,000 and \$12,500,000 Talpale River was repulsed, communique claims.

of goods into 'Free China' from the the Finns are advancing. occupied areas, the Chinese Govern- In yesterday's air raids on South ment has decided to establish special Finland four civilians were killed inspection offices to keep a careful and several wounded at Kotka. The check on all goods entering the war total casualties for all raids has not

During the past year, large amounts . Eight enemy tanks were destroyed of Japanese goods, are said to have to the north of Lake Latinlahti where

Raider

NEW

LONDON, Doc. 27,-(Reuter). An unidentified plane flew over a number of towns in Essex to-day, while two other planes were sighted over the Sussex

For B.E.F.

Indian Mules Going

-Mules from India are now joining the B.E.F. in France.

under cover until the time comes for

Mexican Oil

President Cardonas' Latest Move

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 (Reu-

The law also abolishes oil royalties

REDS CONTINUE

(Continued from Page 1.)

Suvanto was folled but that a new The adverse balance of interna- attempt has begun. tional payments in the Customs under

It is claimed that eight tanks were \$269,173,000, while that in the parts destroyed in the Karelian Isthmus of Shanghai and Kowloon, "which and eight were captured in other suffered more or less from Japanese parts of the front. The Russian air attacks, on the

damage to military objectives but Chungking shows an adverse several civilians were killed and

aged by the firm support of the popular thome.

Tokyo, Dec. 27.

The finnish northern headquarters balance of \$1,533,000 while Pakhol and Mengtze both record favourable balance of \$1,533,000 while Pakhol and Mengtze both record favourable balance of \$1,533,000 while Pakhol and Mengtze both record favourable balance of over \$13,000,000.

While some political circles assert that the prospect of the Cabinet that the prospect of the Russians were thrown back 85 kilometres in three days' fightles.

It is official Communique that the prospect of the Russians were thrown back 85 kilometres in three days' fightles.

The Minister of the Navy, Admiral Yoshida, pointed out that the Navy pointed out that the Russians were killed in 10 days' fightles to strengthen his Ministry, about 250 fightles.

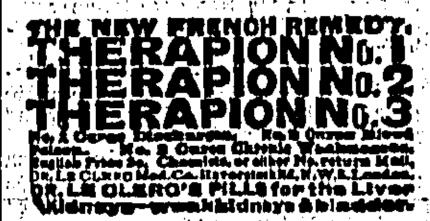
The Minister of the Russians were thrown back 85 kilometres in three days' fightles to strengthen his Ministry, about 250 for over \$8,000,000 while Time balances of over \$13,000,000.

The Minis

To the northeast of Lieksa CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .- enemy are retreating to the frontier In an attempt to halt the smuggling in the direction of Divisara, where

area, it is announced here to-day. been stated.

been smuggled into "Free China," an enemy attack was repulsed.



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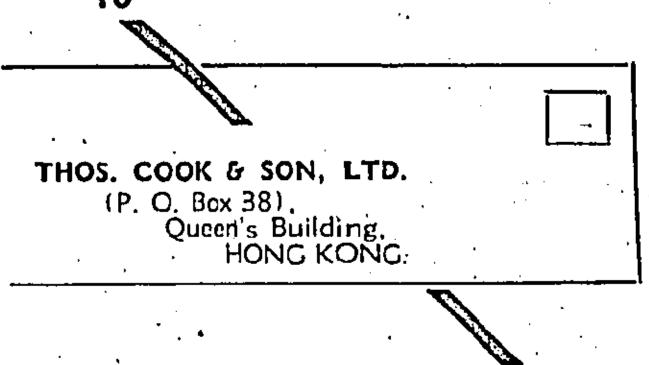
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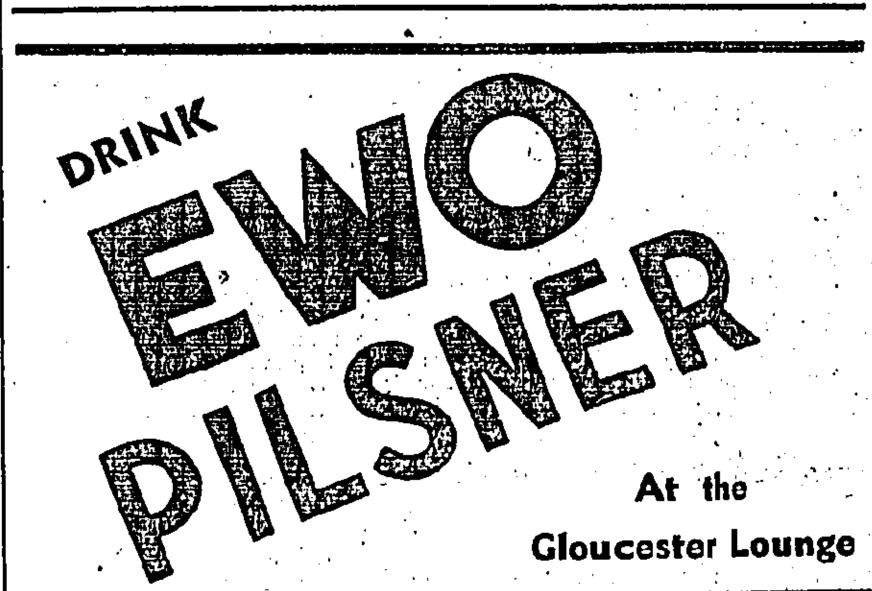
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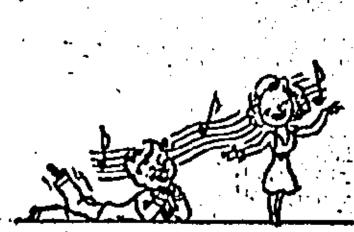
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ACTION SIKH XI

Recreio Deservedly Beat Nomads: R. Engineers' Test On Sunday Next

THERE WERE NO WOMEN'S league games last Saturday, but in a friendly played at the Y.M.C.A. ground, the "Y" Ladies gained an easy victory over the C.B.A. Ladies by five goals to one. The home team included four reserves in their line-up, and had the forwards taken their chances the score would have been doubled.

In a Tournament game last Sunday, Recreio beat the Nomads 2-0 on their home ground. On the same day the new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action when they beat the C.B.A. 1-0.

Mrs. Gardner and Miss B. Harker, in the "Y" attack, combined cleverly, and Mrs. Burnett but in some good runs on the right wing. Mrs. Strange and Mrs. Stone, as usual, shared the bulk of the "Y" defence, but Miss Stokes, as pivot, also gave | a useful display; with more experience she gives every promise of making a good half-back. Better team work was seen in the second

Playing without a goal-keeper, the C.B.A. defence had a gruelling time in the second half, and Miss Parsons, us a kicking back, saved the side from a heavy defeat. However, the defence with Miss I. Woolley, Miss P. Everest and Mrs. Wilmott, fought sumely up to the final whistle, and many good movements by the "Y"

forwards were broken up. Mrs. M. White, who has only just veturned from a holiday in England, revealed fine stick-work at centreforward, and was the only live-wire in the visitors' attack.' Mrs. Quick. the inside-left, worked hard but her passing was weak. Mrs. White will, certainly be of great value his leader or the attack, but the C.B.A. are still in need of a goal-keeper.

on the C.B.A. ground, and the result was in doubt until triple crown winners.

Argonauta and C.B.A. played a the final unhights Mendonca in goal, would have W. A. Reed, as pivot, was a tower and Jack Jarvis their first Derby of strength, and kept too brief a victory players and had it not been for they were corressive.

account of themselves. Aimless hitting, many stoppages for minor infringements, and far too much talking, in which Miss J. Felshaw was the chief sinner, was the order of the day. Miss Mackay, at right back, however, played a strong game, and Miss J. Crawford was always a trier in the attack.

Laughing and talking during a game shows lack of concentration,

IN a Tournament game played Sunday morning, Recreio beat ably, but again, the forwards in

INESE

DRY GD

United Services

Soccer XI

The following have been selected to represent United Services in a soccer match ; against the rest of the Colony at 4 p.m. on Monday, at the Navy ground, in aid of the B.W.O.F.—Robinson (Navy), Hill (Service Corps), Sheehan (Middlesex); Freshwater (Middlesex), Layl (Navy), Wilkinson (Middlesex): Phip-Thorburn (Navy). Saw (Middlesex). (R.A.O.C.). Duffield - Moxhami (Navy). (R.A.O.C.), Pearson

on the C.B.A. ground, game, the Recs had to go all out, ably have been one of the few the final whistle.

the home team in goal. The Gosano, did most of the attacking money brought to his owner, whose Portuguese were the better And when they got into their stride, total was £38,464 with his horses in

Miss Mathias was a speedy winger, opposite attack. Tony Alves, the opposite attack. Tony Alves, the left half, also played well up to the season more than £20,000 in form, with young Z. Gosano taking the work. Miss N. Silva, at centreinalf; was the most outstanding player on the field, her play being highly instructive.

C.B.A. as a team gave a very poor account of themselves. Aimless hit-

dominated territorially, whilst in the ners. first half Soares, their goal-keeper, He has ridden 2,586 winners durwas the outstanding player. The defence were inclined to get flustered fred Archer's full total. improve by staging these so-called when pressed, and a little more cool- A totalisator record was set up. improve by staging these so-caused ness and covering would perhaps. The takings on the Derby, £61,608, friendly games, there must be greater have teach the room down. attention paid to a definite plan if this the defence where a record for any one race. improvement is to be brought about R. J. Reed sharing many a keen

tussle with his brother "W.A." The return of S. A. Reed to the on their home ground last attack improved matters consider-

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L/Bdr: Richards having cut in with the ball is about to pass to Cpl. Waite. G. C. Godfrey and B. O'M. Deane, of the Club, in close attendance to Richards. The Club won this rugby match, in the Triangular Tournament last Saturday, by 12 points to 3, and thereby won the Cup .-

Blue Peter Wins £31,964 For Lord Rosebery

LORD ROSEBERY'S horse Blue Peter, unbeaten for Police, was likewise embarrassed, this year, won £31,964 in stake money in the flat racing and when he did pass out Lessie and the grant wild passes. (Mid. || season which ended at Manchester.

He made Lord Rosebery the leading owner of the season and Jack Jarvis the leading trainer.

And if the outbreak of war Nomads 2-0. Though they de- had not caused the cancellation IN a junior friendly encounter served to get home in a keen of the St. Leger he would prob-

He had already won the Two depleted team, and Mendonca of goals in the first half, in which the Eclipse Stakes.

La Salle College appeared for winners, led by the speedy B. Blue Peter won most of the stake

The Recs showed fine combination.
The Recs showed fine combination, and should the team maintain last twenty-four races worth £22,275 and then Lord Glanelly, who won £19,Sunday's form, there are very few teams left in the Tournament to de-

teams left in the Tournament to de- For the thirteenth time in fourteen years Gordon Richards became Nomads, in the second half, pre- the champion lockey, with 155 win-

Diocesan Boys Beat La Salle

In a friendly cricket match yesterday, Diocesan Boys' School beat La Salle College by 34 runs. White three for two), while Diccesan, Arculli five for 10. L. D'Almada five

wards.

THE new Khalsa Sikh team

The World Workers opened in Cullinan, Innes; Lewis, Dempsey and was seen in action for the overwhelming style, and inside Riddell. first time last Sunday when they seven minutes had scored twice defeated a weak C.B.A. team through Lewis and Bousfield. Navy "A" 9 R.A.M.C. 5 1-0. Several well-known players It was not until near the end of from the Radio, Police and Army are the first chukker that the included in the team, and once this Stooges reduced the score to 2-1.

New combination gets going they Stooges reduced the score to 2-1.

Army Medical Corps by 9 noints should give a very good account of Some little while after the com- Army Medical Corps by 9 points themselves in friendly fixtures.

C.B.A. fielded a depleted side, and hough they were hard-pressed, were always in the picture.

kunpoo, the Royal Engineers when Nicholson scored again. ment, when they meet the Radio world workers In A. F. D. Colson and und Postal Sports Clark College World Workers In A. F. D. Colson and Lt. B. R. Smith. ment, when they meet the Radio world workers L. A. Lewis, J. K. and Postal Sports Club, who are chukkers). Major P. S. whitehead (two the present champions of the present champions. the present champions.:

Carter, I bollove, will be seen at left back in the Radio defence, as he has now fully recovered from his

The Soppers possess the best record to date, but they will have to give of their best if they liops to subdue the champions.

The game should be interesting and worth watching.

Polish Tennis Star Now A Waitress

A REPORT from Warsaw that Mile, Jadwiga Jedrze-Jowska. Poland's leading lawn tennis player, and a number of other prominent Polish sports. men and syomen, are working as walters and waltresses in restaurants.

Mile. Jedrzejowska was London grass-court champion, and a finalist at Wimbledon in 1937, when she was beaten by Miss Round.

-Fears had been expressed forthe safety of Mile, Jedrzejowska. She was in Warsaw a week. before the German invasion, and it was believed that she was still there when the city was bombed and shelled.

Final

World Workers by 4-2 in the had smuggled the ball from A. (L. D'Almada 3, Burch four for two, final of the Royal Artillery to convert from mid-way out, Boys totalled 52 (Macauley 34, Cup Polo Competition yesterday at Boundary Street. general lacked attacking skill. P. Mrs. Peters, wife of Com- ham and H. Van Leeuwen; J. C. Rull and B. Kavier, however, formed modore A. M. Peters, pre- Wanklyn, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout; was rast and interesting—me Nomads sented the prizes at the con- ford, L. A. Benn and W. Stoker. clusion of the game.

mencement of the second chukker, (three tries) to five (a goal) at Colson levelled the scores with brilliant backhand shot.

Bond, N. Whitley and G. Fowler third chukker through Nicholson, and holves, were the pick of the Navy JEXT Sunday at 10.30 am. on level again, the fourth and deciding threequarters away. their home ground, at Soo- goal came during the final chukker.

DRAW Try Scored In Last Five

(By "Fly-half")

Minutes

YESTERDAY EVENING on the Club ground, Police just managed to save the day through a late try scored by Dempsey after being 3 points down until in the last five minutes.

The game was essentially one between the two hard working packs, with the ball seldom getting further back than the stand-off halves through slow heeling and quick breaking up of the forwards.

Wheeler was outstanding in the Police pack, which did extraordinarily well in foot rushes, and gave Thomson no time in which to get the ball out to Charter. The result being that Charter had either to make a swift kick to touch or break away

Luscombe, at the base of the scrum and when he did pass out Leslie had Taylor, on the Police wing, was seldom in action, and generally found simself crowded out, with a kick to touch his best move.

Wall was again in splendid form for Police, and dealt with every ball to the best advantage. Walkden, who also turned out at full-back for the Club, was instrumental in holding up numerous dribbles by the Force.

POOR HANDLING

VAN LEEUWEN was in action on Club's left wing more than Lavalle. The latter received few good passes from Taylor, whose handling was poor, although he in turn received few good passes. Reynold, of Police and opposite Van Leeuwen, although seldom seen in attack, was kept busy in keeping the bustling Van Leeuwen n check.

In the lincouts Stout did well for Club, and had more success than Dempsey, Police expert in this department. Any advantage that Stout gained was generally set-off by the good marking of the Police eight, which got round to present a quick

In the set scrums, Salter hooked well, but only to find that his men were shoved off the ball or else good scrumming by the heavier and hardworking Police pack prevented a quick clean heel. Burford worked hard at wing forward for Club, especially in

instigating wheels.

SCORELESS HALF

AFTER A SCORELESS first half, Charter kicked ahead a ball which did not rise and caught the Police back division going in the wrong way. He followed up and scored well out. Castleton failed with the

In the closing minutes of the game, THE STOOGES beat the from a loose scrum on the Club line,

Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed and the

Club.-A. F. Walkden; R. M. Lavalle, A. J. G. Taylor, C. F. Need-

Police.-Wall; Reynolds, Jenner, Jackson and D. H. Taylor; Leslie and

Lt. Bax, at full-back, Mid. Tenre,

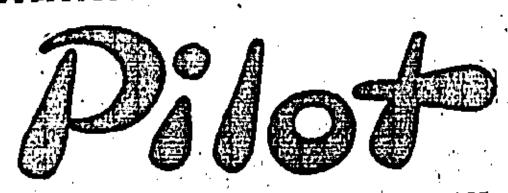
at centre-threequarter, and Mid The Stooges took the lead in the O'Riordan and Sto. Gallagher, the though several great efforts were side. Gallagher being outstanding in made by the World Workers to draw his tackling and efforts to get his

Medicals opened their account with a very good try by Wigglesworth their fly-half, who forced his way through after side-stepping Tel. Paul. and Lt. Bax, He also added the goal

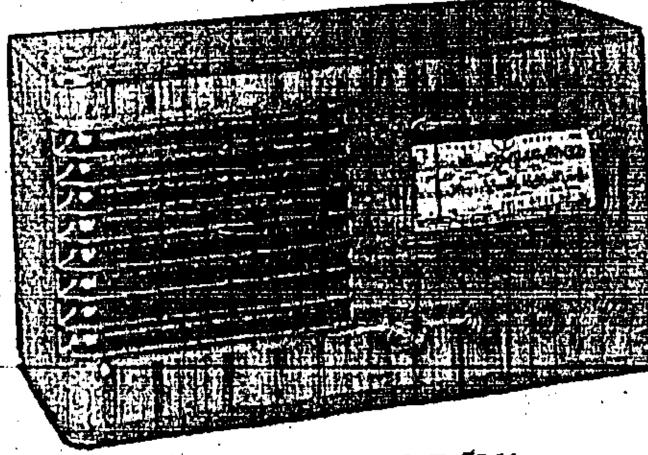
The second half was very much a repetition of the first, although Tel. Paul reduced Navy's arrears with a l smart unconverted try in the left corner. Mne. Jeffries, who played a hard game in the Navy back-division, gave them their second try, but falled to add the goal-points, and in the



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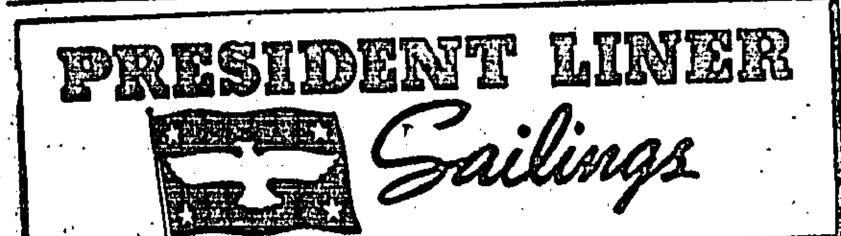
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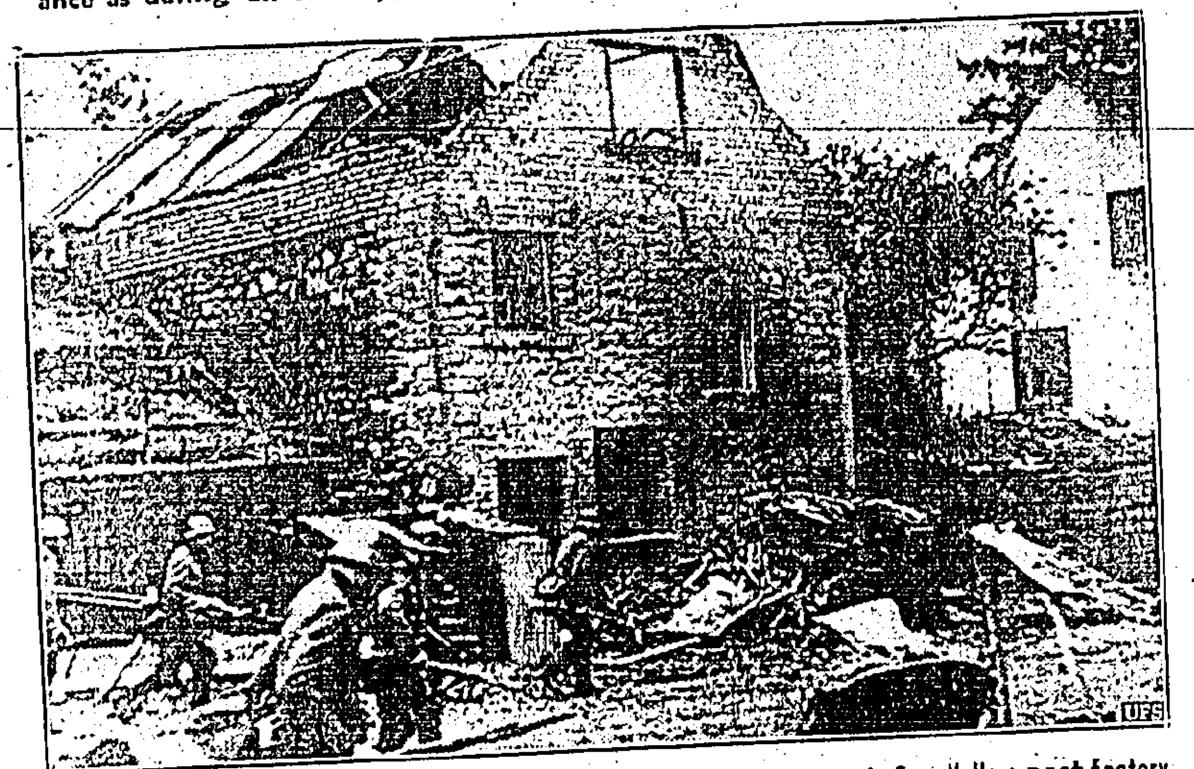
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IN SAAR VALLEY -Gorman soldiers cautiously onter unidentified town in Saar Valley, past factory dostroyed by French bombardment, after French withdrew. Nazis are expectant of mines, set by French, that might blow up at any moment. Picture passed by German consor. Photo by Movietone News



ALLIED CAUSE THEIRS—Line of volunteers, mostly Arabs, walt butside Jerusalem Histriot offices to enlist for service with Allies. Jawish agency reports 135,000 Jews enlisted len bloc."

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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Wenther Forceast and Announcements.

5.45 Studlo-Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations. 6.47 The Hill Billies. Thar's Gold In Dem, Thar Ilils, Headin' Home, Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies, Life Is A Dream (film 'The Prodigal'), Ole Faithful.

that Stamped." One of Kipling's Sketches'-Ippolitov-Ivanov), Joseph "Just-So" Stories. Produced by Muscant and His Concert Orchestra. Maurice Brown.

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8.45 Studio-"News Notes from Home" A talk.

9.05 Reginald Foor at the Organ. 9.25 Dyorak—Symphony No. 5 In \$915. The annual rental is \$42.

E Minor, Op. 05 ("The New World"). The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra con- building lot No. 397, South Bay Road, lucted by Sir Landon Ronald.
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10.04 Songs by Nan Maryska (So-M. Noronha, of the Credit Foncier, ducted by Sir Landon Ronald. Standchen (Serenade)

Strauss). 10.14 Violin Solos by Ychudi Menuhin. Caprice In G Minor, Op. 1, No. 6 (Paganini-Enesco), Songs My Mother Taught Me- (Dvorak-Persinger), La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy-Hartmann), Allegre (Fiocco), La Capricciosa (Ries), 10.30 Lawrence Tibbett (Barlione)

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Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). The Ole Faithful.

7.0 London Relay—"The Butterfly Caucasian Chief (from Caucasian Wanting You (film 'New Moon'), Lover, Come Back To Me (film-'New 8.45 Studio-Talk by Dr. P. S. Moon'), Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) Sclwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical with Piano. Valse Blue (Margis), Services. "Campaign against Tuber- Tesoro Mio-Waltz (Becucei) Or-11.0 Close down.

8.15 Studio-Recital by Gaston Two Garden Lots Sold At P.W.D. Office

Two lots of Crown land to be used solely as garden lots were sold by auction at the offices of the Public (Tosti). Luna Works Department yesterday.

With an area of 18,300 square feet, a lot on Mount Cameron Road, adjoining rural building lot No. 419, 9.15 London Relay-News Sum- was sold to Mr. E. Ott, care of the Credit Foncier, at the upset price of

The second lot, north-east of rural (R. for \$360-\$50 above the upset price. Strauss), Morgen (To-morrow), (R. The lot has an aren of 6,200 square feet, and the Crown rental per annum



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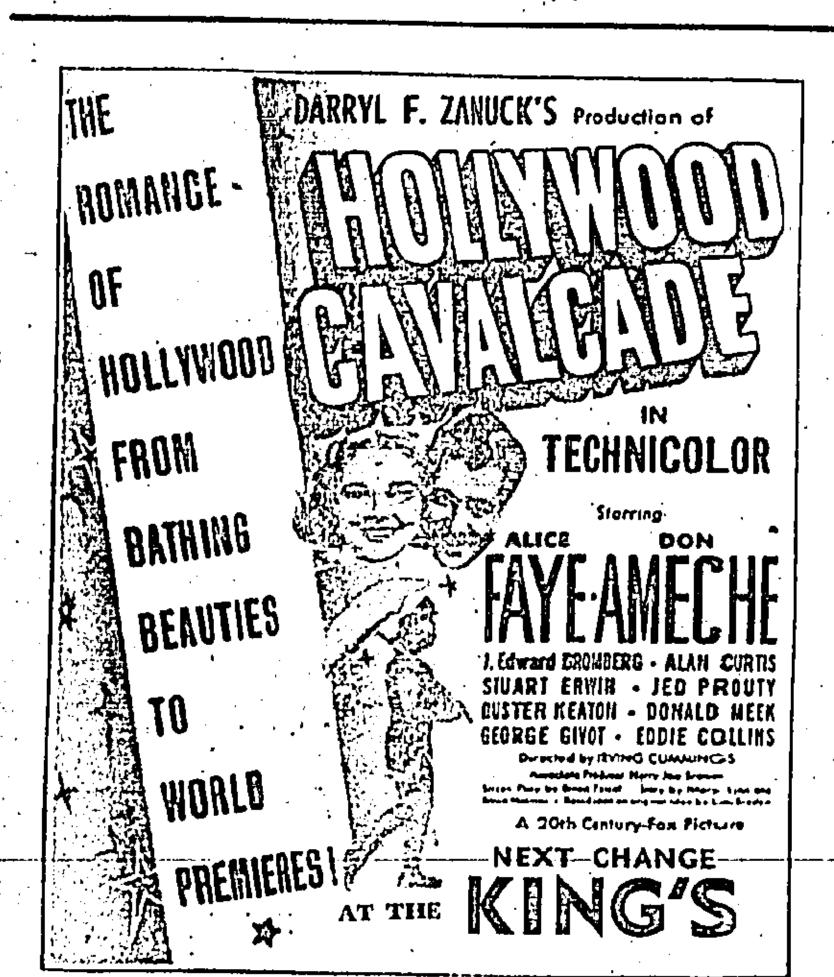
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YEAR'S PARTY



Arab Sheikh

FIRST essential of most New Year's Eve parties is fancy dress. For the benefit of anyone who has neglected to make preparations beforehand, here are four original and quite creditable ideas for dressing up.

Everything necessary for each costume can be found in the average household.

The handsome Sheikh has his face stained brown (sun-tan make-up or a weak solution of iodine), and a black wool or burnt-cork beard.

His costume is a towelling bath-robe or dressing-gown, sashed with any vivid scarf.



Equally effective for either -sex:-Russian-costume.

Head-dress is a sheet secured round the head with heavy cord and wrapped round the neck. Another sheet or a blanket or rug makes the cloak.

He wears beach sandals or bedroom slippers on bare feet. A young and slender girl will plan her Bridge Table costume as illustrated. Owners of less lovely limbs will prefer a fulllength skirt. In the former case a black jumper, in the latter a plain black dress is the basis, and it is sewn with cards, the various suits cut out in felt, and (if available) pierced coins. The apron, a piece of green baize us used for cuttery canteens, is similarly decorated.

Cards are attached to a plain headband for the crown and the waist.

The Surrealist costume (a



Bridge Table costume. Suitable for the young idea.

for a man) is capable of variation according to individual

It is suggested that the head be draped with black or white material surmounted by a lampshade frame trimmed with artificial flowers or paper chains. Another wreath adorns the neck. A sheet makes an effective "cape" over a plain black even-

From the cord girdle hang an assortment of things (or cardboard cut-outs; these should



Striking Surrealist dress for a woman.

bridge-markers are hung from include at least one shoe, its heel decorated with a cutlet frill.

Stitch to the dress newspaper similar one can easily, be devised pictures or shapes cut from felt, including a large "mouth" on the bodice. Wear, if you can find them, black cotton gloves.

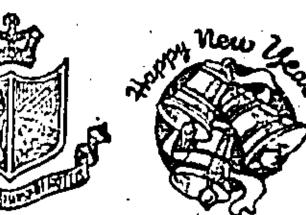
The Russian costume (good for either sex) is effective if it is done like this. Wear a man's white tennis shirt back to front; the collar should be stitched together and the points removed; the tails are cut level.

The shirt should blouse slightly over a vivid sash, preferably red. Choose wide trousers pyjama), and tuck them into Russian, Wellington or riding boots. The hat is easily made with a cylinder of cardboard made to fit the head and covered with black or white fur, cloth or felt,



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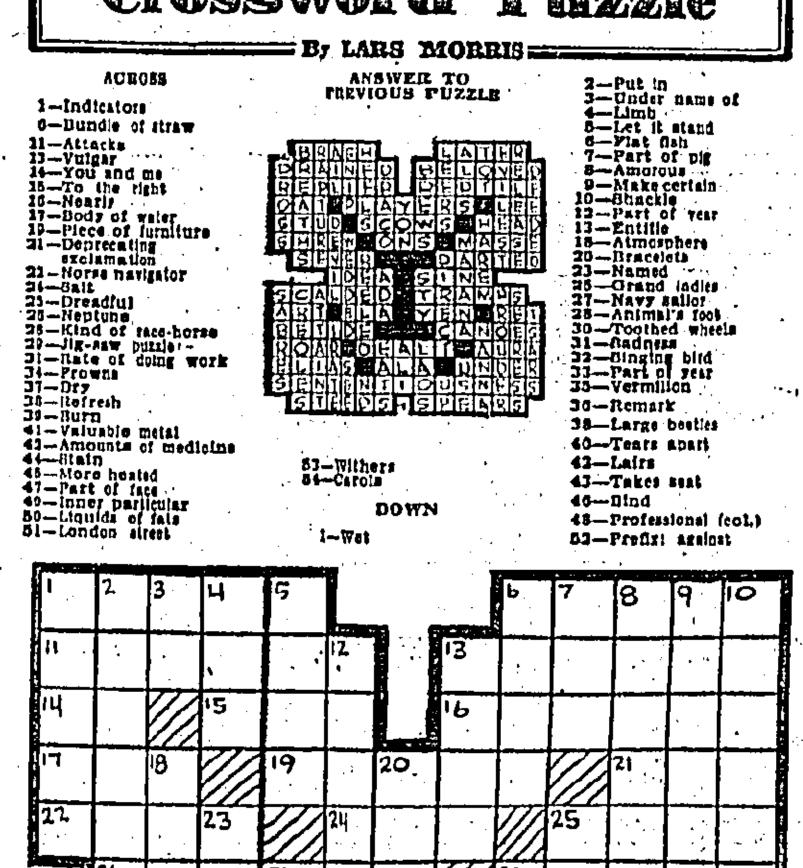
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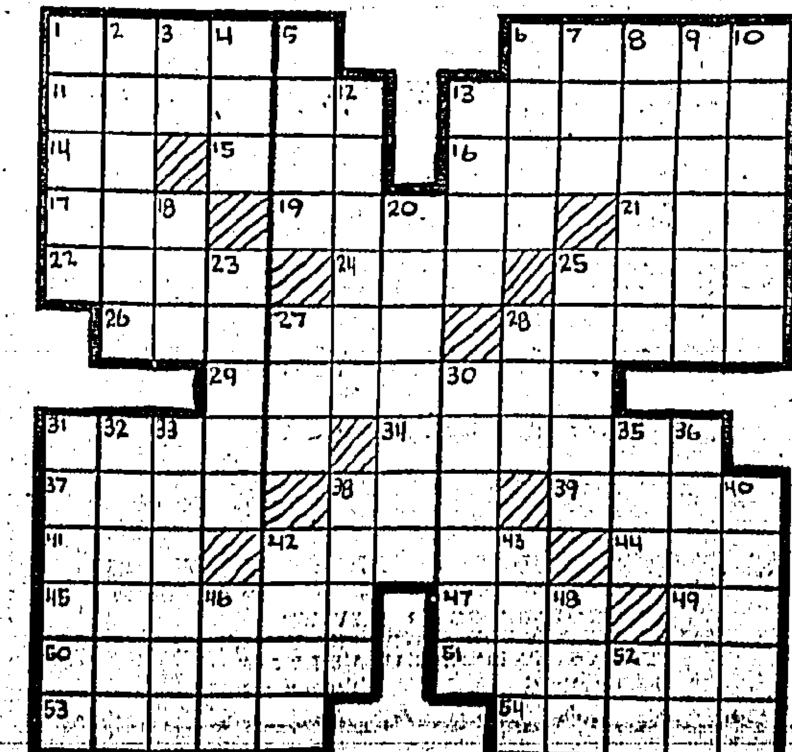
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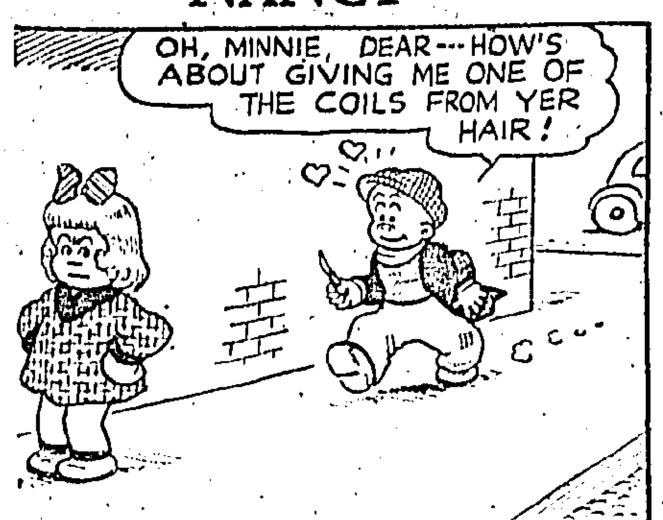
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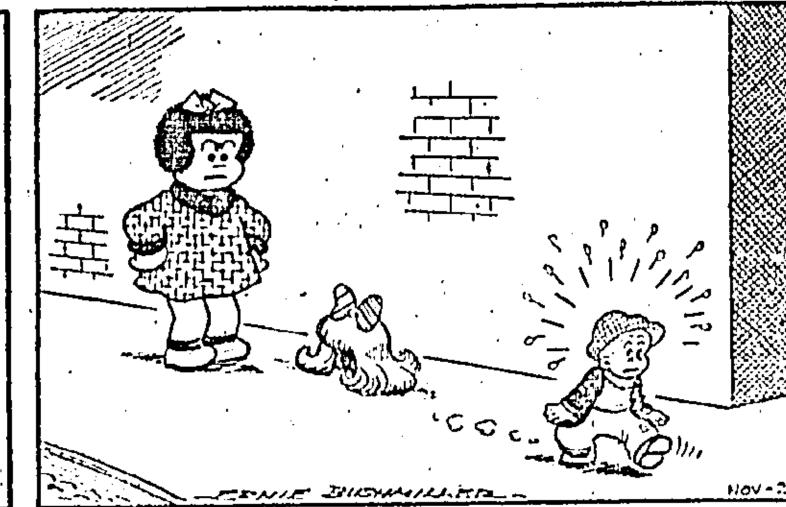


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50 YEARS AGO.

Bright and clear, if seasonably chilly, was Xmas Day in this "chief gem of Britannia's crown", as Sir Jawge called Hongkong. And, we venture to think, in no place in England's dominious was it more thoroughly enjoyed—at any rate by the European population, from His Excellency down even to the broking element. Every hotel, shop, club and private house was duly decorated, though mistletoe is a trifle dear out here; and in the matter of good cheer every clime contributed from Shanghai wild-duck and game generally to tropical fruits from the Philippines, whilst our friends is Queen's Road supplied probably many more luxuries than, the majority of residents here would have revelled in the good old country. The Berlin Foundling Home was as happy as ever.
Pastor and Mrs. Hartmann having many willing assistants, and there was the unual well-laden Christmas tree. The guardians of our peace had their accustomed "good time" at the various stations. At the Central the decorations were exceedingly thateful, the messroom being gay with flags and appro-

printe mottoes. 25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1914. The "Temps" declares that the crisis has nothing to do with the suggested despatch of Japanese troops to Europe; on the contrary, diplomatic meetings and conversations are being very actively puratied for the armed interven-tion of the Japanese Army in Europe.

A high French military authority has given private expressions, says the "Mail", to the following views as to the probable duration of the war, his estimate being based on the belief that the Germans will commit no great tac-

He divides the war into six periodstwo past, one present and three to

fighting on the Alsne, continuing and Molinnus. developing into the battle for Colais. The 126

signs a period of five months to the Molinnus pleaded guilty from the be-Battle of the Messe—the end of April ginning. He is said to have declared or the beginning of May, 1915. The that two Mentel Nazi organisations had campaign on the Rhine should last close relationship with the German nearly twice an long-that is to say, Consul-General in Memel; and that Dr. until February, 1916. Ernst Neumann, leader of the Nazi The final march to Berlin and nego. partyl in Memel, was appointed Herr handed back to him immediately, tintions for peace should bring the Hitler's deputy for the section.

war to an end with the final withdrawn of the Allied armies of occupa-

10 YEARS AGO

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5. YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1034. An admission that Memel Nazi Storm

Dec. 28, 1929.

The Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference headed by the ex-Premier, Mr. Wakatsuki, arrived at Ex-Premier, Mr. Wakatsuki, arrived at Southampton from New York abound to the Saar frontiers were closed Southampton from New York abound to the same and south persecution and per first long route murch. Southampton from New York abound to-day and until after the Plebische union letter, but I still stand by the War Office, where he was private the gas. Olympic which can be as Olympic which can be seen to-day and until after the Plebische union letter, but I still stand by the War Office, where he was private the gas. the s.s. Olympic, which flew the only those foreigners will be admitted what I said in court. Hurst was secretary, to Sir Herbert Creedy, Japanese flow at the foreigners will be admitted what I said in court. Hurst was secretary.

SPECIAL

YOURS"

'Canon Says "Ragging was a Disgrace to College"

CONCHIE

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

But it had nothing do with his views

MANCHESTER.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY students ragged twenty-one-year-old James Hurst. They "debagged" him. But they deny that they did it because he is a conscientious objector.

When Mr. Hurst, son of a Bury clergyman, was registered as a conscientious objector, his god-father, Canon Peter Green, chaplain to the King, supported the application.

Canon Green said: "Hurst has endured persecution for his outlook among the students. There has been vulgar ragging which was a disgrace to any college."

Mr. C. E. Jones, a student, has written to Canon Green on behalf of the University Faculty Technology Union saying, "Hurst was 'debagged,' but it occurred because he insisted on interrupting a lecture. It had no bearing on his moral

"If it is that occurrence to which The first period was the advance through Belgium into France. The second period was the Battle of the Marne and the German retreat to the Aisne. The third period is that of the Aisne, continuing and Market and the Aisne, continuing and Market and the Continuing and Market and the Continuing and Market and the Continuing and Market and Market and the Continuing and Market and Market and the Continuing and Market and

The 126 accused are all Nazis, court- At no time has he been perse-The fourth and fifth period will be a martialled on December 14, for plotting cuted for his outlook, either moral

Trousers Returned

This is what they said: MR. JONES: Hurst was "debagged" by six students. His trousers were

The Battallon of the East Lancashire bagged" once. It does not happen tain Charteris. He was sixty-eight-legiment, stationed on the outskirts of often in the college I wish it had had been living in a bachelor apart-Snarbruceken, today carried out their not been brought up. I would rather ment, with a housekeeper to look the Admiral Graf Spee before they not say anything about persecution after him, for seventeen years since transferred us to a Greek vessel."

Japanese fing at the foremast. The to the territory whose passports have left in a corridor without his Under-Secretary of State. delegation was greeted by the Mayor, been specially vised. trousers. That sort of thing isn't Then he moved into the flat in done. It's un-English and a "little Arlington House with his wife,

Mr. Hurst, an electrical engineerthe tribunal.

all best forgotten."

Will Hitler meet the

-in Holland? armies, should they march to with machine-gun fire. Castle of Doorn. spends his exile years.

ex-Kaiser?

Secret bride gineer to get into it and our boats were allowed to go. inherits a fortune

German retreat and a battle on the Rhine. The sixth period will be the march to Berlin.

Re estimates that the battle for Calais will not completely end before of the accused face nurder charges the beginning of December. He as also.

Trousers Returned

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Cuted for his outlook, ethic indicate in the state in the solution, ethic indicate indicate in the solution, ethic indicate indicate in the solution, ethic indicate indicate indicate in the solution, ethic indicate indicate indicate in the solution, ethic indicate i his flat in Arlington House, Picca- fire from about a mile off. secret marriage to his second wife, has left her almost all of his £143,-000 fortune.

Mrs. Charteris, famous among socialites for her smart clothes and dark, Spanish-type beauty, was MR. HURST: I was only "de-thirty-four when she married Cap- ask us any questions.

A month later he was found shot. His will, published last week, ing student. living in Dalton Hall, shows that he left £143,268. He ap-Manchester, has had one anonymous pointed settlement funds in favour vestigation into the administration's letter since his appearance before of his wife during her life, left a few reciprocal trade agreement proannuities to his servants and the rest gramme which is under increasing He said: "I threw it away. It's of his money to his wife, on trust, criticism since the Government began for life.

blueForce fashion

AIR FORCE blue is helping to keep wartime fashions gay. For women, believing in the psychological value of bright clothes, are making a stand against drabness.

Black-and-white will strike a contrasting note, and will be widely worn, but colours generally will be hardly less sober than in peace-time.

Dinner gowns will have long sleeves and high necks. Both have been decreed for warmth in case heating of halls and rooms is restricted. Velvet and wool will be popular evening dress materials.

ly shorter, there will be no shortening or narrowing of evening dress to Mr. John Tennant, fortyskirts merely to save material.

broldery, sequing and beads. Hats will have a slightly military Hats will have a slightly military He alleged misconduct by his wife, nir, some models being based on the the Hon. Antonia Mary Roby Ben-RAF. cup.

fashions were given recently street, W. by Mr. Norman Harthell, dressmaker to the Queen, who has offered his services to the Government in the daughter of Lord Charnwood. They comouflage section.

Decree Against Peer's Daughter

A divorce decree was granted in Tennant, a former Secretary for Gny notes will be provided by em-Scotland and a brother of the Countess of Oxford and Asquith.:

son or Tennant with Mr. Cyril Rad-These forecasts of wartime cliffe, a barrister, of Weymouth-

> "Tho Hon. Mrs. Tennant is to were imarried in 1920.

PLANE GUNS SHIP'S BRIDGE

"IT would be a sticky ending to all we've gone through to finish up under one of them!"

The speaker was Captain F. C. P. Harris, whose ship, the Clement, was sunk in the South Atlantic by the German raider Admiral Graf Spee. His comment was addressed to his chief engineer, Mr. W. Bryant.

Machine-Gunned

Describing the sinking of the Cle-WILL Hitler meet the ex-Kaiser | ment, Captain Harris said the In Holland?

Right in the path of the Nazl plane which spattered the bridge

"Belleving that we should be There the last German Dictator | shelled I ordered my crew of 50 to the boats, and had gone into one myself when a picket boat from the German battleship came alongside. "They told me and the chief en-

> bombs on to the Clement but they did not explode.

"We were taken abourd the battleship and I recognised her at once as the Admiral Graf Spec. She is a

"She sank the Clement by shell-Not_Questioned

"We were quite well treated. We were asked to give our word of honour that we would not attempt

sabotage or espionage. "Strangely enough, they did not

"We were only five hours on board

AMERICAN TRADE Reciprocal Agreement With Argentine

Washington, Dec. 26. The Secretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said he would welcome an into negotiate the proposed Argentine agreement. Senator Arthur Vandenberg has said that the Senate Finance Committee, of which he is a member, will study the result of the programme thoroughly before renewing authority to negotiate new agreements when the present Act expires next June,—United Press.

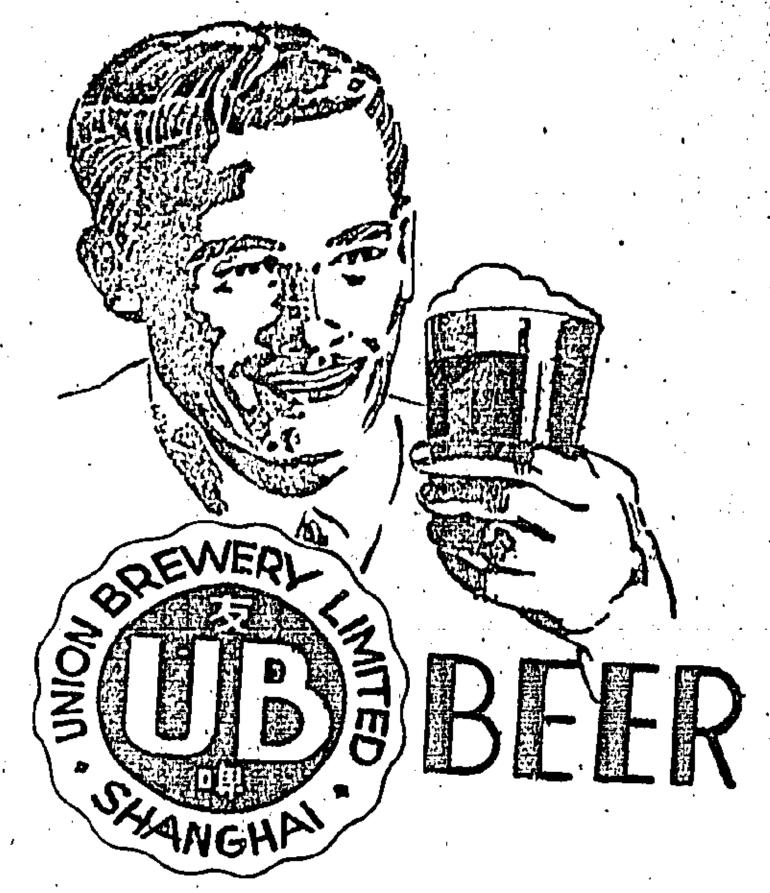


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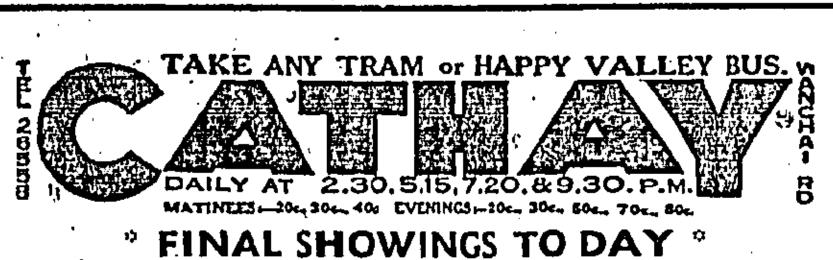
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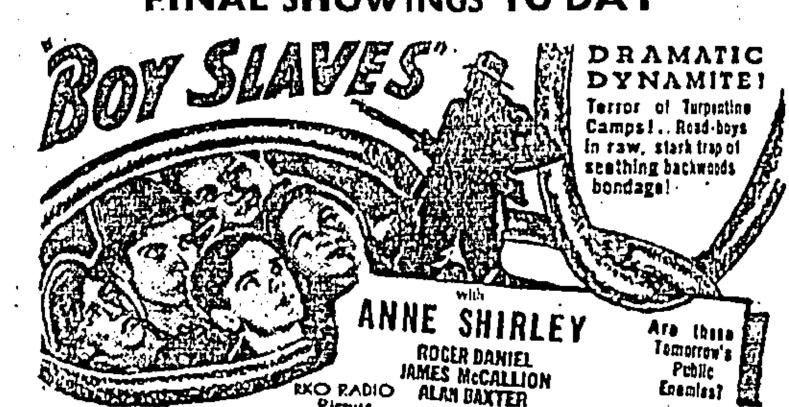


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Casualties Known To Be High

ANKARA, Dec. 27 (Reuter). -At I a.m. a severe earthquake shook Anatolia.

Details of casualties and damage are not yet available but it is known that many were killed and injured and that much property was destroyed.

The Minister of the Interior has gone personally to direct the rescue and relief work, in Anatolia.
It is still impossible to assess the damage and casualties because communications with some affected areas are interrupted.

The principal towns in several castern departments are partly destroyed and many villages laid in

Los Angeles Disturbance

LOS ANGELES. Dec. 27 (Reuter). of Los Angeles and Long Beach at Garden City Association regarding the that an early diplomatic rupture in 11.30 a.m. local time. The inhabitants hurried into the streets for safety. Up to now no reports of damage

have been received.

NAZI BAIT FOR THE SWISS

GENEVA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).-Several leading Swiss newspapers today earry an advertisement of a Ber-Un company, offering to sell various German patents to powerful enter-

Industrial and financial quarters in Switzerland are wondering whether there may not be concealed behind these advertisements a German project for meeting the allied blockade of German exports by introducing the manufacture of patented industrial products neutral countries so that such products may be exported as neutral

goods, It is also suggested that the Germans may hope to obtain in neutral countries certain raw materials necessary for the manufacture of these patented goods. These raw materials are no longer available in Germany.

BIG INFLUX OF GOLD TO U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" AVASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).— The Department of Commerce announces that gold imports during the week ending December 20 amounted to U.S. \$193,666,769, of which \$167,-088,345 came from Canada and is believed to represent transhipments from the United Kingdom.

It is unofficially reported that approximately \$9,000,000 foreign gold | who were least able to afford it, and | maximum speed of 22 knots. has arrived on New York, reportedly Scandinovia, Switzerland, India, Egypt and Mexico.

The report says that 79 cases came from Bombay, 32 from Switzerland 35-from-Norway—and-six-from_Vera

Big Ammunition Theft In Dublin

DUBLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— Dublin was surrounded by a militarycordon this morning as the result of and most buses. A plan of the laythe theft of a large quantity of ammunition from a magazine in and the Bus Company's explanation Queen's Park.

Soldiers patrolled the streets and able. all vehicles were searched. Four men were arrested immediately the theft occurred. So far about a quarter of a ton of stolen ammunition has been recovered.

Totalitarianism In India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .--The President of the All-India Liberal Federation sald that the greatest danger to democracy in India was what he called the totalitarian spirit prevailing in Congress and the Moslem League. In reference to the international situation, he said that India's safety depended on an intimate association with the British Commonwealth.

4,000-Year-Old Tomb In Scotland

EDINBURGH, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— An archaeological discovery of im- ber of the family of the Sultan of portance was made by Scottish work- | Zanzibar, who is an Honorary Capmen excavating in Dumbartonshire I tala of the R.N.V.R.

They unearthed a stone coffin containing the skeleton of a man. Examination of the skull and bones shows the man to have been a stoneage man and he must be at least 4,000 years old.

French Contraband Seizures

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).-The Freach Contraband Control brought sixteen vessels into harbour for examination during the week ending December 24.

Forty thousand ions of merchandise were seized. Since the outbreak of war the French Navy has brought 217 ships into port and has selzed a total of 402,000 tons of merchandise.

'Quakes Shake K.R.A. And Children's Bus Facilities

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday of last week, Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President, being in the chair. Among those present were: Hon. Mr. L. D'Almada e Castro, Jr., Messrs. R. H. Wong, R. Baldwin, Li Chor-chi, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, D. O. Silver, B. Wylie, C. E. Terry, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli and Rev. J. R. Higgs.

The President extended welcome to Mr. Wylie on his return from home leave and ex- Britain And Soviet pressed the pleasure of the Committee in seeing him back with

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Hon. Treasurer's report was presented and approved. This showed, inter alla. that four new members had joined during the month, making a total for the year of 54 new members. Subscriptions collected to date amounted to \$648 and the credit balance of the the British Ambassador at Moscow Association was \$1,150.08.

Correspondence dealt with includ- sentatives of British firms in the -An earthquake shook the buildings | cd |etters to the Kowloon Tong U.S.S.R. to leave that country, or nuisance occusioned in Kowloon Tong relations between Britain and the by overhanging trees; to the D.A.A.G., U.S.S.R. is contemplated. China Command, in regard to a No change has occurred in the nuisance occasioned to residents in relations between Britain and Russia. the Jordan Road area; and to the British Wireless. Hongkong & Yaumatl Ferry Co. and the "Star" Ferry Co. In regard to life-

Schoolchildren's Bus Ticket In reply to a letter from the of rumours alleging that the United Association asking for particulars of States and Great Britain are anticipathe proposed alteration in children's ting an early rupture in diplomatic bus lickets the Kowloon Motor Bus relations with the Soviet has elicited Co, furnished full detalls of the pro- from the authorities a denial as far

posed scheme. as Britain is concerned. They, stated that, in view of established facts and other evidence have stated that the Embassies In all pointing to the necessity of more Moscow told the workers in several control over the use of these privilege works they should leave the Soviet tickels they had decided rather than Union before January 1 if possible, to adopt the alternative of total this order particularly applying to cancellation of the Issue of school those living in Leningrad.—United press. of rides to eight per day.

Consequently, instead of issuing one ticket as heretofore, a book of tickets with days of the month (Sunday omitted) printed thereon will be

The holder will be required to produce the entire book to the conductor for punching on each trip, and four additional trips will be provided on the cover of the book to enable the holder to travel for renewang the ship of the O.S.K. Juxury liner ticket. These tickets would come Argentine Maru, which was launched into force on January Ist, 1940, and on August 2 this year at the Nagasaki, the Bus Coropany further stated that Dockyard of the Mitsubishi Heavy the tale of family school children Industry Company, was completed on tickets would, be discontinued from Saturday and is sailing from that date.

Considered Adequate The proposed revised ticket was voyage, thoroughly considered by the Com- Designed after the same type as mittee and it was unanimously agreed the Argentine Maru, the ship is 166 that the allowance of eight rides per metres long and 21 metres wide. It day was adequate even for children has a total accommodating capacity who necessarily have to use two dif- of 10,500 cubic metres for freight and ferent routes. It was felt, however, passengers, that the withdrawal of the family | Exclusively made of Japanese ticket privilege would constitute a materials, it is equipped with two hardship to parents of large families Diesel engines and can develop a was therefore decided to deplore It can accommodate a total of 80L this cancellation and to request fur- passengers, including 101 first-class, ther consideration thereof by the Bus | 138 second-class, and 662 third-class.

It was noted with pleasure that Hongkong is a port of call for the additional rolling stock was expected new vessel after if leaves Japan on to arrive from England soon which the Westward run. should materially reduce the present congestion. In reply to a suggestion from the Association that the berths at the Ferry Terminus should be numbered in proper numerical order, the Bus Company pointed out that this was impracticable inasmuch as the longest berths were necessarily assigned to routes carrying the largest out was considered by the Committee accepted as being correct and reason-

Street Watering The question of street cleansing by means of watering was again brought before the Committee. Reference was made to recent proposals in this regard by the Hon. D. M. S. at an Urban Council meeting which failed even to secure a seconder. was unanimously agreed that the Association should renew its efforts, which have now extended over many years, to obtain the reintroduction of this much needed amenity.

FRENCH SANTAS FOR KIDDIES

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .---Many British children benefited at Christmas by the generous action of the wives of French seamen. The children were those of British naval men who lost their lives in the present war and each child received from four to five toys, which were sent in 12 large erates. . A similar gift was made by a mem-

These two generous actions have been much appreclated by the Royal Navy as well as by the children themselves.

ANGLO-SWEDISH WAR-TIME PACT

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A wartime trade agreement has been signed between the United Kingdom and Sweden.

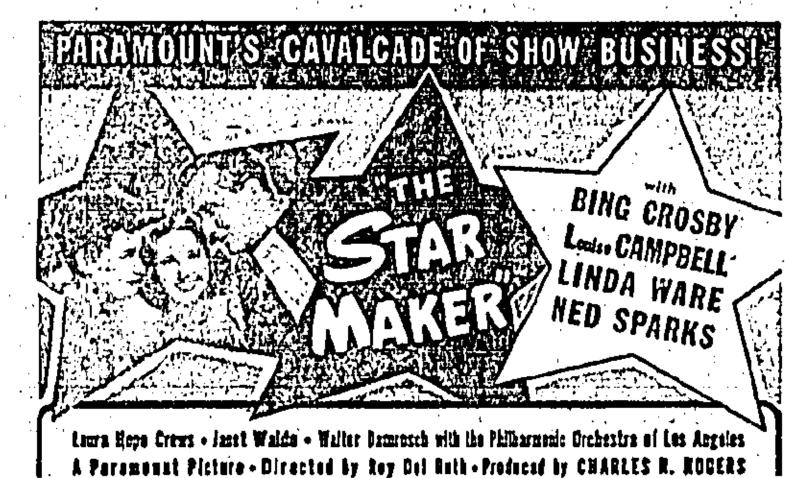
The object of the pact is to adopt existing Anglo-Swedish trade agreements to avar-time conditions with a view to maintaining trade between the two countries at a normal level.

A joint Standing Committee will meet periodically in London or Stockholm to assist in the smooth operation of the arrangements contemplated under the agreement.

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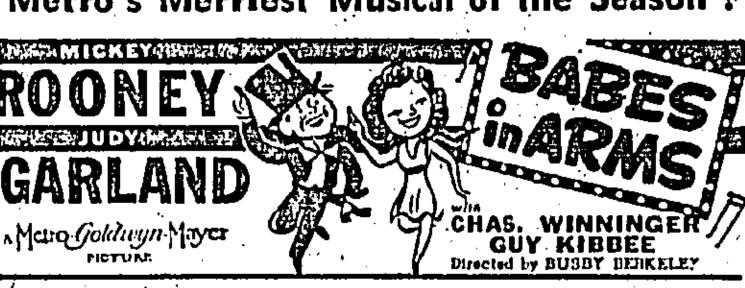
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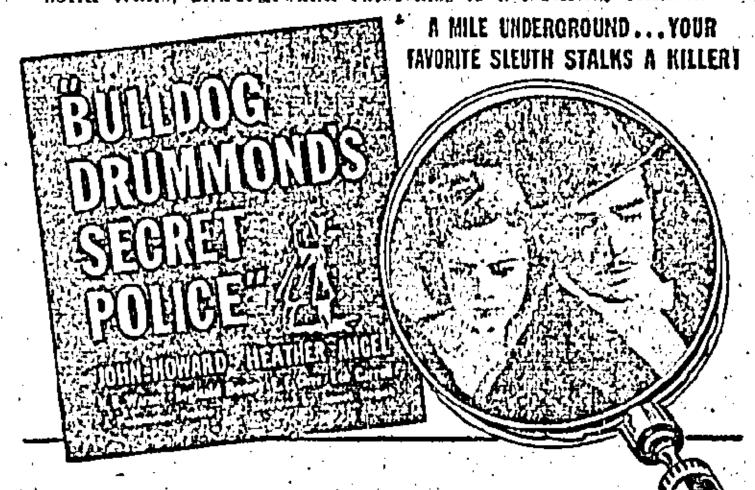
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The most disastrous has occurred in Asia Minor. Like its predecessor, it has been recorded all over the world.

Almost simultaneously, other earthquakes have shaken Los Angeles, Tangiers, Persia and Soviet Russia.

The Asia Minor earthquake is described by Observatory officials in Hongkong as "a tremen-

dous upheaval." It smashed the seismograph at Istanbul Observatory—the only time in the history of the establishment that such a thing has occurred.

GREATER THAN QUETTA-

The seismograph at West Bromwich was put out of DIPLOMAT motion, Mr. J. J. Shaw, England's well-known seimsolo-RELEASED gist, described the shock as the most severe the world has experienced in many years.

It was of a greater magnitude than either the Quetta or Tokyo earthquakes.

Samson, the big seaport on the Black Sea, wrecked.

Yosdad, Ordu, Refahiye and Amasye are among the towns destroyed.

Heavy loss of life is feared, although casualty reports are at present not available.

HOLLYWOOD ROCKED

The strongest earthquake since 1933 simultaneously shook taking 75 Polish refugees to Hollywood and the nearby city of Los Angeles in California, Sweden, presuming that no German states another "United Press" message.

film stars.

The shock was felt most

The shocks insted only ten seconds.

Hundreds of panic-stricken people

another severe earthquake.

ment Bank, have collapsed.

5,425 Miles From Hongkong

told the "Telegraph" this morning.

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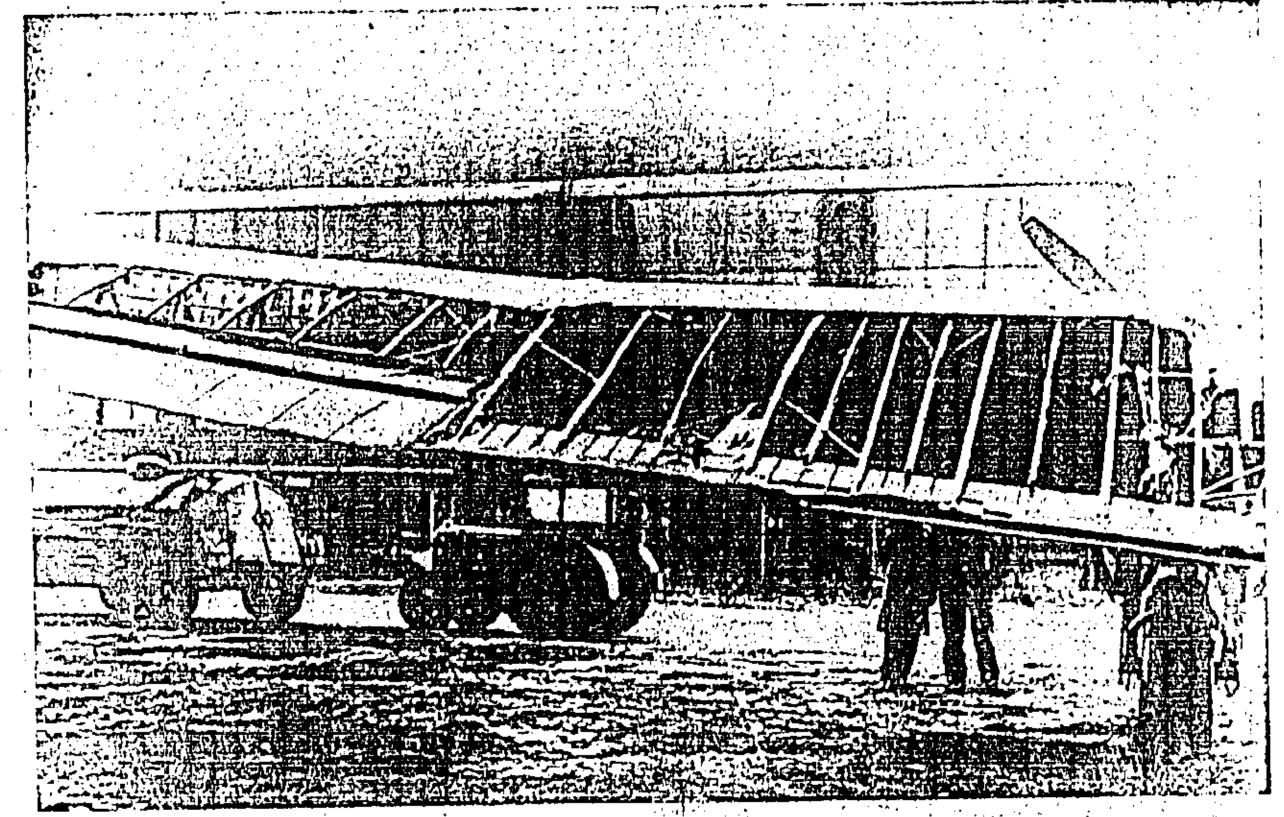
Chinese Planes Give Combat To Invaders

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" A JAPANESE AIR BASE, Dec. 28 (Domei).—The first air duel in South China for over two years is reported to have taken place on Wednesday afternoon when Japanese Army aircraft encountered a flight of Chinese I-16 type pursuit planes over Sunhu, north-east of Nanning, earthquake was 5,425 miles from Hongkong, Royal Observatory officials Kwangsi Province.

The Japanese aircraft moved kong was 40 millimetres, indicating out to support the operations of that the shock was tremendous. Japanese ground forces near Knotang, about 40 miles north- of damage if the epicentre occurred east of Nanning.

omcial said. The Chinese pursuit planes, immediately gave combat and, in the first midair engagement in South China, Japanese craft shot down three of the Chinese machines, according to a Japanese claim,

Japanese planes carried out intense bombardment of the Chinese forces and their positions near Knotanga od to their base towards the evenling. SEA WITHOUT WING!



LAST WEEK, the "Telegraph" reported and commented upon the remarkable achievement of a British bomber which had the fabric of one of its wings torn away when it was struck by a German artiaircraft shell whilst on a raid over Germany. The explosion completely tore away the fabric of one of the wings. Despite this, the plane succeeded in returning safely to its home base. Here is an official photograph, just received.

BRITISH

Seized Aboard Ship En Route To London

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A description of his detention by the Nazis was given to the Oslo correspondent of the "Telegraaf" by Mr. Gordon Vereker, the British diplomat who has just been released.

Mr. Vereka said that he had wanted to go to England via Riga, Sweden and Norway, and had therefore booked a passage on an Estonian boat which was of the Baltic.

"But I had under-estimated. We were almost in sight of Stockholm. falthough still outside territorial gathering place for Hollywood waters, when a German auxiliary cruiser of 15,000 tons appeared and ordered us to stop.

Taken Prisoner "The Germans came aboard

left their homes and offices as chandeliers crashed and street signs top- took the passengers prisoners." Mr. Vereker then described his No casualties have thus far been re- landing at the German control port of Swinemunde, where he was shut up Tanglers was also the centre of in a military prison. Although his imprisonment was lunpleasant, he said, his situation was An urgent "United Press" flash, received at 11.30 a.m., states that as agreeable as was possible under the

Telreumstances many houses, including the Govern-The Germans treated him with great correciness and sympathy, Loss of life has been heavy, the reand denied him nothing but his freedom.

When the order for his release came, he travelled by car to Sassaltz and them on a regular boat to Sweden.

XMAS PRESENT STOLEN

EDWARD BROWNE, 'a school-boy residing at 5 La Salle Road, received n brand-new Hercules bleycle for

Yesterday morning Edward blitheweek—in addition to the Banda ly bicycled down Nathan Road, Sea and Asia Minor shocks there whistled as he parked his dike" was a violent upheaval in South America—have followed a period outside the Majestic Theatre, When he returned, it had dis-

appeared. A wrathful Edward, necompanied by a Chinese constable, spent yester- supply ship arrived. bombardment of the Chinese forces The average number of earthand their positions near Knotang, cunkes, big and small, recorded at
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Crippled Wings

The story that one of the R.A.F. machines flew back from Germany to England with no M. wing and half the fabric, gone from the starboard wing must strike even the layman as romarkable.

Yet it is certain that something of the sort happened, that the damage occurred over Germany, and that the machine succeeded in gelting back to England.

It was not very far above the waves when it reached home, and we may presume that the crew threw overboard everything possible to lessen the load, doubtless kept the rubber dinghy as their most precious possession. We may presume. too, that the allerons remained more or less intaction

It is hoped that a photograph of the machine will be available before long and then experts

ANTARCTIC QUEST Admiral Byrd Wellington

WELLINGTON, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .- Admiral Byrd arrived unexpectedly aboard his Polar Exploration ship, "North Star," en route to the Antarctic.

The passage out was uneventful until the ship ran into a gale, but the vessel and cargo, including a snow crulser, were not damaged.

Missod Christmas Day Christmas Day was missed by the crossing of the international day line but the festival nevertheless was eclobrated with exchange of gifts and carol singing.

The expedition called at Pitcairn Island, where it found that the in-

SHIP CUT IN-HALF-BY TORPEDO

Crew's Amazing Attempt To Reach Port

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter). -Their ship cut in half by a German torpedo, the crew of the London tanker, San Alberto, which was sunk without warning in the Atlantic, returned to the surviving stern half, got steam up and made a bold attempt to sail to port.

This amazing story of the sea became known last night. The San Alberto was attacked with-

out warning on December 9. The crew escaped in four boats 15 minutes before she broke in two. The fore part twisted and sank

linmediately. Two boats, with the captain in one, kept together in the driving rain, sadalls and rising wind and they

but could not reach them.

Early in the afternoon, the captain determined that the after part would not sink. They returned and the crew started to raise steam. By night-time the engines worked and there was elected light. The third bont came alongside but one was still missing.

Slow Astern

By keeping the engines going slow astern, they kept the seas from tearing the front part of the ship's remains in bits, but every time she PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

LOSS OF COIN DENIED

RUMOURS THAT a large shipment of new subsidiary coins for Hongkong was lost when the |vessel was sunk recently in European waters were officially denied this morning as being "entirely without foundation." There is no extraordinary shortage habitants had an adequate supply of subsidiary coins in the Colony, of food to see them through until a and the fact that premium is being charged by native money-changers is Admiral Byrd also called at Raps, probably attributable to the fact that, near Pitcairn, where the inhabitants, the usual demand for small coins experlanced just before Chinese New with any.
Year has piready commenced.
The museum was accordingly rannew appears a Red State.

ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Stalin is "purging" Red Army leaders connected with the Finnish campaign, according

In a broadcast last night, the French official radio station claimed that three Soviet generals and six other leading Red. Army officers have been shot by the O.G.P.U. (secret police) as a result of the setback suffered in Finland.

Raids On Finnish

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—To-day has been another day of mass air raids in southern Finland. More than fifty bombs were dropped on Tampere (Tammerfors) and Abo, but little damage was done.

In Abo most of the bombs fell in the working class area. wounding several persons. There were, however, no fatalities. One person was killed and one was wounded in Tampere. Other towns were also raided.

Helsingfors was again raided, the alarm, lasting for two hours. Once again no bombs were dropped within the city, although one fire is reported on the outskirts. Later some "bombphlets" were picked up. These called on the Finns to join their "Russian friends."

A correspondent reports that 42 civilian centres were bombed by the Soviet during Christmas.

Civilians Machine-Gunned An official Finnish statement says that in many cases the planes flew low enough to machine-gun the

The Soviets lost 23 machines. One of the other main targets for Soviet nirmen is Viborg, which is only about 20 miles behind the Manner-

Viborg has not only been bombed from the air but Soviet artillery is

shelling it from a range of over 25 Fortunately the bulk of the civilian population evacuated some time ago and most of the remaining civilians

A.R.P. In Helsingfors

have now also left the city.

New air-raid precautions are announced in Helsingfors. All motor-cars must be painted white so as to make them difficult to be seen from the air against the snowy background, and for the same reason pedestrians out on foot during the raids must carry white sheets which can be spread over themselves when Soviet machines come down to machine-gun civillans.

Attacks In Waves

While the Russians continued to hammer the left wing of the Mannerhelm Line, they were using heavy artillery all along the Karellan Front, sending shells over the Finnish fortifications to objectives behind the

Viborg particularly is suffering a bombardment by these heavy guns which are estimated to be operating some 25 miles away.

The Soviets have launched wave after wave of violent attacks against the Mannerheim Line so far with little, if any, success.

The intense cold is enabling Soviet tanks and artillery to cross the frozen

Such operations, however, must be effected swiftly owing to the vulnerability of the troops on the ice. Finnish planes are constantly on

could occasionally see the other two the look-out and mobile patrols are always in readiness to be rushed to menaced spots. A few well-directed bombs on the ice discouraged more than one Soviet

attempt to cross the ice. Latest reports from the Salla front declare that the Russians have retreated altogether 80 miles from their most advanced point of ten days ago when they were nearly half-way across the "walst."

Suvanto Battle

A communique states that a further Russian attempt to cross Lake PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

FROM AID

ALLIES Russo-Finnish Conflict May Soon Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PARIS, Dec. 27 (Domei).— The Allies are understood to be pushing preparations to extend military and financial assistance to Finland.

It is understood that the Allies are also ready to assist Sweden and Norway if Soviet pressure is extended to them. Informed quarters state that Allied assistance to Finland will be made on larger scale, both militarily and

Meanwhile, the tardy progress in the Soviet military operations in Finland is reported to have encouraged Balkan nations to revive their attempts to form a Balkan neutral bloc. Similar efforts ended in a failure about a month ago. Rumania is reported to be determined to resist both Soviet and Ger-

man pressure. Scandinavian Aid

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Router).— More help for Finland is being sent. A Danish ambulance unit of 180 beds arrived on the central Finnish front to-day.

The wife of the Finnish Minister to Britain announces that the appeal PLEASE Turn To Page 5.

LATEST

6,000 DEAD

ANKARA, DEC. 25 (REUTER).-ACCORDING TO UNOFFICIAL RE-PORTS, THE DEATH ROLL IN THE ASIA MINOR EARTHQUAKE IS OVER 6,000.

> See Back Page For Further Late News

HAS MUSEUM UNIFORMS HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Arrivals from Tallinn have an amusing story to tell of the puppet government set up by the Soviets at Terijoki, which calls itself the "Finnishil People's Government", although it has few people to govern.

The puppet government has now sacked and the toy army is, nowal got its own toy army. Unfortunately fitted out with military costumes of the early eighteenth century, the army has no uniforms of its own. The costumes are worn exactly as and the Soviets ere too busy fighting they were 200 years ago, with one the Pinns to be able to provide them exception.

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Imagination Was Too Vivid

Nazis Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats the above Company.

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still affoat.

In a broadenst on Tuesday night, a German station announced that Germany never claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal. She had merely asked where the aircraft carrier was.

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The Nazis, said the announcer, which was not true. They, therefore, could hot have claimed to have sunk the Ark Royal.

Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, listeners all over the world have heard to the contrary.

In one typical, broadcast from Zeesen, it was said: "It is clearly established that the Ark Royal was destroyed."

The same broadcast described the Ark Royal hs "like a gigantic torch that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared leaving only a huge pall of smoke to mark the spot where she once had

MIT HUNS

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .-The Christmas declarations of King George VI and M. Daladier are favourably contrasted with those of the Nazi leaders by the American

Press. The "Boston Herald" says that the statements of the King and M Daladier are more understandable to America because they spoke in cautious words of rulers who re- Trade negotiations between Russia cognise their responsibilities to their and Bulgaria are expected to open

"Conversely we are shocked by the Christmas message of Herr Hess, of six delegates, is headed by the in which he said that the German nation feels that God has sent us a man. The man referred to is not

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SPOTLIGHT GERMANY NAZI GIBE AT

SWISS The "Frankfurter Zeltung" recently published an article, from Zurich, under the heading "Switzerland in the Shadow of War."

U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila superior tone reserved by Hitlerite (San Francisco date, 3rd Decem- | Germany for not very benevolent

Many Swiss, it stated, now see that they were wrong in criticising M. Motta, their Foreign Minister, who, when France and Great Britain revented their power policy at the beginning of the Sanctions crisis, cleverly and resolutely disengaged the way for Switzerland's return to

be none too pleased with his ap- tors and put his name on a form parent popularity in Frankfurt.

The article pays a tribute to the he told his fellow-peers. Ord. Dec. 28, 5.30 p.m. efficiency of the Swiss Army, which, it said, "could certainly show its strength if there were an attempt to break through."

Stalin-square, Berlin

The inscription Stalin-square was scribbled over a plate in Berlin bearing the name Mussolini-square during the night. -

R.A.F. Raids Over Germany

industrial areas, was asked at a of a judge in the Royal Court of Jer-Rhineland Press conference why the sey, he is a member of a family— Opposition, commenting on the R.A.F. raiders who dropped pamph— the Falles—that has lived in "the Government's decision to introduce lets over Germany were able to Norman Islands" since the fifteenth escape the anti-aircraft guns, says the century. Amsterdam "De Tild."

He replied that the raiders usually use a car, preferring to drive in a system. flew in cloudly weather, and thus carriage and pair. could not be easily seen. On the other hand, neither could the raiding 'planes see their objectives.

He was then pleased to add that the pamphlets often fell in thinly populated areas instead of in the big All industrial towns and plants, communications and bridges were, he assured the conference, protected by

anti-aircraft batteries, balloon barrages, and chaser 'planes. He also stated that transport men had been asked to keep their motorengines as silent as possible by night to avoid confusing the listening posts. Sirens were sounded as little as possible. Church bells were to be used for warning purposes.

The Surprise Element

A young German woman, working as war-time "postman" in Berlin, gave Goebbels a shock.

With other Germans, including some German farmers who had lived in Poland, she had been brought .. £85 n. before the microphone to be interviewed. All the others said their piece well, but when the interviewer asked her if her husband was at the front and was she proud of it, she answered, with spirit: "Thank God, he is not. For the

Arst time I am glad his health is not

Visits to Relatives Banned

Germans who wish to visit relatives in Western Germany will be unable to do so, according to an announcement on the German Wire-

Entry into that part of Germany is now possible only with the consent of the military authorities, and they have been ordered to refuse all requests for admission.

The Best of the Day

The deliberate lie has been broadcast by Germany in Arabic alleging that the British Government contemplates the recruitment of a

Jewish army to fight against Arabs.

In describing the allegation as preposterous, the British Colonial Office point out that if his Majesty's Government were to find it necessary to raise forces in Palestine for the detence of the territory against ex-ternal aggression, the forces so raised would be representative of both Arabs and Jews.

Undercutting Rice Price

.Shanghai Traders Are Concerned SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (Reuter).-

Chinese trading quarters are viewing

with strong suspicion the motive be-hind the operation in: the western listrict by the Japanese authorities here of a rice-shop where the grain is telling at \$30 a picul compared with the market price of \$40. The shop was opened about three weeks ago under the name of Tung Siding ("Oriental Prosperity") Commany Station and has been selling

H.K. Govi. 4% Loan 100 n. mails which should normally have H.K.: Govt. 31/2% Loan 971/2 n. arrived in Hongkong to-day has been Mirimans (Lone) 1/- 14/9 n. delayed and will not arrive until to-Marsmans: (H.R.) s/-....4/a m. murrow afternoon.

Passport From Peer slands Norman

LORD PORTSEA, who will be 80 next year, created a diversion in the House of Lords recently when he de-It was written in the irritatingly manded to know why "a Member of this House on a visit to the Norman Archipelago (the appanage of the Crown) was required to obtain a passport before being permitted to return to the mainland to attend to duties."

The Norman Archipelago is better known to most people as the Channel Islands. Lord Portsea is a Channel Islander, and was the subject of his own question."

"A Peer's Rights"

"A member of this House should have the right to return to his duty without having to M. Motta, it may be surmised, will associate with aliens and traigiven him by the Aliens Office," boy, were hom in a Portsmouth

Lord Newton said it was one of the day. most insignificant questions he had ever seen on the Parliamentary they have lost their father, Able-Paper, and he grudged the time, Seaman Eric Hingston. trouble and even the money spent

in preparing an answer. We were in a state of war, he continued. The War Office and made certain regulations, and travellers had to have a special permit.

Son of Jersey Judge Lord Portsea is the first baron Gen. Stendemann, in command of having been created a peer in 1934; Air Defences in the Ruhr and Rhine his baronetcy dates from 1916. Son

He is a strong Tory and refuses to

Amnesty By Franco

MADRID. thousand army and naval officers troduction, and that this will actually who were serving sentences of be-strengthen the Ministry's position tween six months and six years' imprisonment, it is announced here, with Parliament, The Country The decision was made on a Sunday, Party has always strongly supported "Franco's Day," which was, cele-it, and the Returned Soldiers' League brated over the whole of Spain in has advocated it for years. commemoration of his appointment

as Chief of State three years ago. In addition Gen. Franco commuted

in various parts of Spain.

TRIPLETS ARE ORPHANS NOW

TRIPLETS, two girls and a hospital seven months ago. Their mother died the following

By the sinking of the Royal Oak All three have been adopted.

Australian Conscription

SYDNEY.

Mr. John Curtin, Leader of the compulsory millia training, said that Labour was irrevocably opposed to any departure from the voluntary

The Australasian Council of Trade Unions is expected to demand that the Labour Advisory Committee should formulate a common policy against compulsion.

It realises that many in the labour Gen. Franco has pardoned several ranks are not opposed to its rein-

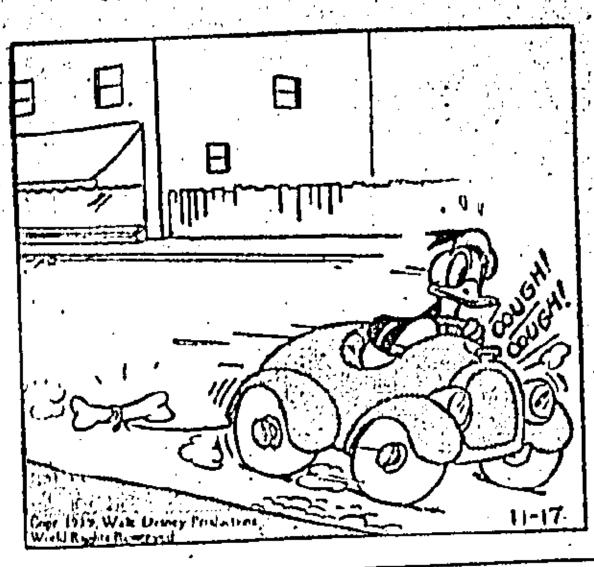
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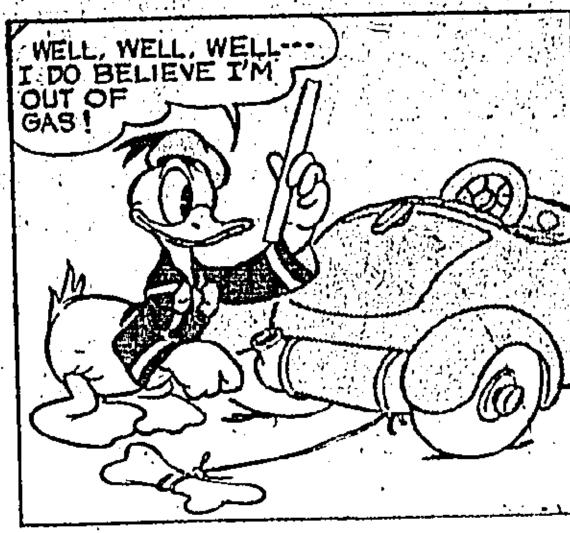
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museum Peer of 83 major Returns fake to The Fray Daily Express Correspondent

THE man who had the last audience with Queen Victoria before stie dled-to receive instructions about the Boer War-came back to the House of Lords in fighting mood

He was Lord Midleton, War Minister from 1900 to 1903, now 83 years old, who, as Mr. St. John Brodrick, had his name perpetuated in the "Brodrick Cap."

This is how he described the great exodus from the Ministry of In-

"At midnight, on October 8, this turgid stream of incongruities overflowed its banks and 350 were transferred to a special department under Sir Walter Monckton." The Brodrick forage cap was introduced into the British Army in

1902, after Mr. St. John Brodrick, then War Minister, had watched approved the cap.

(Lord Camrose has left the Ministry Janeiro. of Information).

GAS, AS A WEAPON

(Continued from Page 4.)

A well contaminated area may on occasions be worth a division—pargal) and at Natal (Brazil) after the added that he knew the facts gal) and at Natal (Brazil) after about the perpetrator, but he could be about the perpetrator, but he could be about the perpetrator.

of surprise when it was first introduced. It was an aid to offence when troops were unprepared to meet it. After gas masks had become

their infancy. defence, and thus it will undoubtedly from Rumania en route to Feiberg, for reasons of health only.—United

be employed eventually.

A STORY of 4,000 years ago, represented by an animal skull with a stone axe-head stuck in it, has been believed until to-night, when Major Gordon E. Fowler denied it.

But another three years must pass before Major Fowler can Paris to Rio fully prove his denial. For the last fifty years the skull and axe have been an exhibit in At 25,000ft. the Sidgwick Museum at Cambridge.

an average a prehistoric fight to the death. FLYING at an average height of 25,000ft., Paul Codos the German Army manocuvres, but and Guillaumet have piloted and King Edward VII. who actually France's first sub-stratosphere plane from Paris to Rio de

During their 5,000-mile flight- search enthusiast, and he was speakprepared and made in secret—they ing at a meeting at Ely to-night often reached 30,000ft.

was a fake. The four-engined machine, mamed Camille Flammarion, after the great | He said afterwards; "The axe was scientist has an air-tight cabin but placed in the skull by the man who no other special apparatus for high perpetrated the trick on the scienaltitude flying.

(average speed 170 m.p.h.); flying not divulge the full story until live Gas in the last war was a weapon of offence, largely due to the element of surprise when it was feet the ment hours.

PRESIDENT RETIRES

Zurich, Dec. 27. than anything. Gas tactics were in M. Moscieki, former President of M. Moscieki will stay at Freiberge Poland, with his wife and daughter where he was once a professor at In this war it will be a weapon of arrived in Switzerland this morning the University, as a private person According to the Polish authorities, Press.



German soldiers who won't be required to fight in the war again. They're prisoners in a British internment camp somewhere in England. They'll be there for war's duration.

ONE NAZI CHIEF IS A MEGALOMANIAC

-Guess his name

"THE megalomania of one man defeated the Prime Minister and defeated me also," said Sir Nevile Henderson, formerly Ambassador in Berlin, at a Press Club

lunch. "Had Hitler stopped after Munich, co-operation even with him might still have been pos- Feared Being sible. But Hitler would not, or could not, stop."

two and a half years ago with the deep conviction that if was was to be avoided it was necessary to find off Fingers standing with the German people.

Some Good Nazis

"Germany was governed by Hitler and the Nazi Party," he said. "That was her affair, and there was nothing was her affair, and there was nothing and the said. "That right hand to prevent being call." I could do about that. Therefore, if ed up for Army service. one wanted an understanding one

turers and bullies. There were of his right hand to prevent enlistcertain aspects of the regime one ment in His Majesty's forces." might have tolerated.

"My mission ended in tragic failure. I think it probably could not on the evening of September 5, it have ended in any other way-

fear of a dictator, and of a small ex- hand bleeding and parts of two tremist minority that they will lose their jobs, becomes more oppressive. his employer found a cleaver. "In spite of all the bitterness of To Detective-Constable Julian

"It may be, as some say, that there A further alleged statement by him with it was not fair.

"Hitler himself was the mera "I was driven up to a pitch and I creation of the feeling of every Ger- must have done it last Tuesday mornman against the discrimination and ing.

injustice of Versailles." Sir Novile said the war must be I wouldn't have done it. I am leftfought and won, and we must end handed in most things, but I write it in such a way that the only griev- with my right hand." ances the Germans have shall be against their own rulers, their leaders, and the system which brought has been greatly changed in the last them again to defeat,

In 1914. My information is that this and its methods."

Sir Nevile said he went to Berlin Called Up, Cut

CAMBORNE (Cornwall.) A YOUNG man was alleged

Norman Richards (25), of Trehad to get it with the Nazi Govern- vorian Farm, Camborne, a butcher's assistant, was committed for trial at There were good Nazis, just as Penzance Quarter Sessions on a there were bad Nazis; there were charge of having, on September 5, Nazi idealists, just as much as "unlawfully maimed himself by cutthere were self-seeking adven- ting off the first and second fingers

In Butcher's Shop

was alleged, Richards went to a back "The ambilions, and appetites of room at the shop where he was ema dictator grow as the need for ployed in Camborne and a little later

measure of justification, and that the the international situation and the too-sweeping condemnation in Eng-war. I cannot sleep. I am sorry I

"It may be, as some say, that there is no distinction between Nazism and Germany; but that is a standpoint of despair, and this war will have been despair, and this war will have been fought in vain if, at the end of it, we have not helped to teach the we have not helped to teach the wear of the war objector. There said I would rather be a conscientious objector. There said I would rather be a conscientious objector. There said I would rather be a conscientious objector. There said I would rather be a conscientious objector. There said I would rather be a conscientious objector. There said I would rather be a conscientious objector. we have not helped to teach the a conscientious objector They said: German people themselves that dis- 'You can't be that this time,' and I got worried.

"If I had my time to go over again

two months, thanks to the pro-"When I left Germany my experi- paganda of Dr. Goebbels."
ence was that there was no haired "Be that as it may, I find in Eng-

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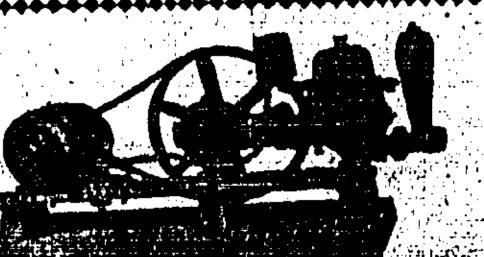
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DEATH

FIGUEIREDO.—At his residence No. 65 Waterloo Road, on Thursday. during the eighteenth century. December 28, 1939, at 3.20 a.m. Manuel Augusto de Figueiredo, aged 03 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to- 1918. (Shanghai and Japan papers please copy).

The Qjongkong Telegraph.

Thursday, December 28, 1939. Wyndham St., Hongkong

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Someone Blundered

How long Germany can wage war, and with what prospect talents of 'government experts in several countries. In all their estimates, speculation in some measure is necessarily present. The knowledge whether Hitler deliberately chose war with Britain and France or whether he blundered into it on the assumption that these nations would not fight—this would help toward an estimate of Germany's real strength.

If Hitler deliberately chose war i mutual destruction. against two powerful nations in ad--dition to Poland, one might assume he counted on the material equipment of the Third Reich to carry it] through. But if he blundered into it, relying on bluff to win the day. on his own cleverness that he may have relied.

Thus the recent disclosure by Reikichi Kita, member of the of the world, gathered at Geneva, Japanese House of Representatives, indicating Hitler did not believe Britain and France would fight, is extremely interesting. Mr. Kita says that a Japanese industrialist who was invited to the Nazi rally at Nuremberg, but who decided because of the crisis to go immediately to Stockholm, was urged in a note from Hitler to stay in Germany be- ; won

cause there would not be war. It was not possible for the Allied diplomats, in direct negotiation with Hitler, to know certainly whether its back to the wall-take the best he was really ready to face a major means to get away from it. war. Many assessed his boldness as bluff. Some appear to have felt that at the last moment, Hitler man for the mutilation or destruction began to realize what he was up ! against but decided to go ahead even into general war. Mr. Kita's But it may put quite a lot of men report, supporting the views of those who believe Hitler blundered helps also to explain why he risked the Russian partnership. Had that last gigantic bluff worked, Hitler might have had Poland and peacehis kind of peace, a spectacular breeze quickly blows them away. victory; over the western democracios and some gains at the exponse of the Soviet, granted unwittingly by Stallin's own hand. But if somebody blundered, it wasn't Stalin.

SONNET

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

PRAYER

Be not afraid to pray-to pray is

Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray,

Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay; Pray in the darkness, if there be no light. Far is the time, remote from hu-

man sight. When war and discord on the carth shall ccase; Yet every prayer for universal

Avails the blessed time to ex-What'er is good to wish, ask that of Heaven,

Though it be what thou canst not hope to see:

Pray to be perfect, though material leaven Forbid the spirit so on earth to

But if for any wish thou darest not pray, Then pray to God to east that wish away. -Hartley Coleridge.

TEN FACTS ABOUT FINLAND

Finland was coded to the expand- Scheer (as we believed the Memory ing Russian Empley in these states Scheer (as we believed the ing Russian Empire in three stages

finally won her independence crushing a Communist revolt 1. 3. Finland has been friendly with

although the Government is a Social battleships, those of us who remember the battle of Coronel Democratic-Agrarian coalition. 4. The country is governed by a have feared that the Germans

Council of State, and a Diet of 200. might have the luck to catch 5. Finland was the first country to some of our searching light give votes to women under a short- cruisers out of reach of prolived self-government constitution tection of the bigger ships, and granted by the Czars in 1907. They still have them.

6. Finns are mainly Lutheran the German Navy might precede Profesiants. Their other religion is the extinction of the raiders. physical fitness. Remember Paavo 7. They are also one of the best Consider the gun power of the the Graf Spee was the Exeter. Nurmi, the runner?

serve all rights and forbid republication. educated and most cultured races in respective ships: 8. Aslatic in origin, they moved

from the Volga in the eighth century. They are related to the Estonians and Hungarians. scarce, there is no coal.

success, is a question exercising the square miles (size of England, Scot- talents of government experts in land and Wales).

| Square miles (size of England, Scot- 50 per cent. greater than that of rounds. The gunners of the shot.)

ReporterHEN the first whis100lb. shell, and the amount of forerunners.

Knocked 1/5th

Hitlers

ship to be at that time) and sers' gun range is some 18,000 the Graf Spee about so badly 2. Backed by German troops, she then later that she had been yards, which is well inside the without being smashed up themsunk, I saw nothing im- 30,000 yards of the German selves is a feat that takes some ship. The cruisers could not believing, even though there Ever since the start of the range where their could demand were three of them on the spot." Germany since. Coloured shirts hunt for the German pocket the German without being them- successful, the Germans so surselves under such weight of fire prisingly bad? The answer is in as must annihilate them in a the tactics which the British

few salvoes. It didn't work out that way. The gunnery of the Germans was by no means up to their usual standard—which was dethat another easy triumph for monstrated when the Deutschland sank the Rawalpindi. are told that at the start of the The fear was reasonable, battle the only ship engaging

The German gunners had at Single B'side that time only the one target; Shell B'side per min. they had also only the fire of one ship to unsettle them.

lbs: lbs. lbs. Graf Spee class 670 4,020 12,060 At that stage gunners of the 9 Main product is timber carried Archilles class 100 800 8,000 skill of those who fought under lakes and rivers. Minerals are Exeter class . 250 1,500 7,500 Admiral von Spee at the battle Not only was the pocket of Coronel would have reduced 10. Pop., 3,611,791; area, 132,000 battleship's total weight of fire the target to splinters in a few

At the beginning of the war Islated of the three pocket battleships Graf Spee, Admiral Scheer, and Deutschland, and the battleships Scharnhorst and

any of our cruisers. The crushing battleship anmed after that effect of one 670lb. shell is so admiral were not worthy of their

per reached me that damage done by one greater than . But the battle was a remarkthe Achilles was in that by six of the British shells able triumph for the gunnery action with the Admiral —because of its concentration in men of the British cruisers. For such comparatively light craft Moreover, the British crui- to knock a ship of the size of

cruisers adopted.

The British tactics seem to have been modelled on those of Sturdee at the battle of the Falklands — a long, running fight; excess of speed ensuring that touch could always be kept; steady hammering at the enemy for hours on end with slow, concentrated fire at intervals so as not to waste a salvo by hitting at the empty air; skilful dodging of his salvoes by manoeuvring, and, of course, simultaneous concentration of fire from three directions to worry both the gunnery control in the enemy ship and the attempts of

Observers outside the shiphave already told us of damage to the superstructure and the bridge of the Graf Spee. But that is superficial damage, and would not of itself explain her decision to seek shelter in the neutral harbour. Yet her armoured sides should have been Shell fire can flatten wire, and that sufficient to resist shells of the before an advance against a . de- calibre that were fired at her. loured decks as a defence against But gas is subject to none of these plunging fire (that is, shells been represented as a particularly it can be so effective a barrier that I cosadvantages. It is thus in defence a dropping from a great height), horrible weapon, and there have believe the first army to be really much more valuable aid than ever dropping from a great height), But if its chief use is defensive, it inch armour. Either British calibre, are a vast deal more the pocket battleships is nothing ike as formidable in defence as we have been led to believe.

BEHIND THE WAR NEWS

URING the last few years there has been more public discussion on the subject of gas in warfare than on most lay gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were are near than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were a second than the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were a calibre that the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were a calibre that were a calibre that were a calibre that the gas in front of a weakly held before an advance against a . de- calibre that were a calibre that other aspects of the science of centrated in front of another sector. into existence to overcome wire.

been more efforts to make rules for hard pressed will use it; it will be its use than there have been to uname to overcome me temptation. can also play a part in an offensive, shells to-day, even of medium abolish the circumstances in which it. To a large extent it will take the particularly in open numbers. Troops shells to-day, even of medium

The improbability of its use against last war. the civilian population, and the reait was not on German strength but sons why it should inspire little fear themselves, and as night a front can if it is, were very clearly shown by be, and probably will be, lit up most Prof. J. B. S. Haldane yesterday.

But the professor said nothing as to its use on the field of battle. In 1925 the principal Governments forswore the use of all asphyxiating and blistering gases for evermore. The Governments of the world have forsworn many things that they have subsequently done. Will this prove to be another?

Already one nation-Italy-has used gas in war during the last few years. The campaign in Ethiopia seemed to be at a standstill. Gas made it fluid again, and the Italians

... Many hard things were said of Mussolini for his action, but from a military point of view, he was only doing what any nation might do with Gas in war is a very valuable

wenpon, and no more inhuman than anything elso that is designed by of his fellow man-It does not do the former and it comparatively rarely does the latter.

out of action for quite a long time. The important gases are, of course, the blistering gases. Except for the cloment of surprise among troops unprepared to meet them, asphyxiating gases have little military value to-

They are volatile and a slight Since modern armies are provided with gan-mank, it means that asphysiating gases only add another to the many discomforts of war.

Gas, therefore, appears as a valuable ald to defence. It is possible to

Peter Evans

Then again, in withstanding an

can crawl forward to cut it..

been represented as a particularly It can be so effective a barrier that I disadvantages. It is thus in defence a

place that barbed wire held in the particularly in open warfare. Troops In laying wire, men have to expose their flanks by contaminating the powerful than we have ever country on each side of them.

PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

By Lichty AND BEAR IT



'Hmmm-she looks too young to be his daughter—she must be

2. Strategy

The strategical disposition of the British forces in the South Atlantic to deal with the problem of the raiders has been justifled by the event.

-It has always been obvious to the student of naval warfare that if the raiders were to do any damage it could be done only at the focal points, those areas: of the sea into which merchant ships must come as they approach or leave the harbours. They might roam the open space. for weeks on end, as they have done, without catching more. than an occasional freighter.

Our covering forces did not need to roam the seas wildly ooking for them. Sooner or later they must venture into the areas where shipping was to be found. The mouth of the River Plate and a hundred miles toseaward of it is a vital focal oint. There are several others in the South Atlantic. There are several in the Indian Ocean. There and thereabouts was

the place in which our patrols word most needed. - And precisely off the River Plate the Graf Spec runs straight into some of

RAID NAZI

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC. 27 (UP).—IT IS OFFICIAL-LY ANNOUNCED THAT ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES TO-DAY BOMBED TWO GERMAN DESTROYERS AND ELEVEN GERMAN PATROL SHIPS. ONE OF THE LATTER WAS HIT.

It is also officially announced that two German submarines have been sunk by the French Navy in the last three weeks.

PLANES OVER ENGLAND

What were believed to be German planes were sighted over several coastal points in England to-day. They were presumably reconnoitring.

Two were seen at a great height over a Suffolk town. trailing white smoke. Hundreds of people watched a third, which was flying over the Thames Estuary at a great height and laid what seemed to be a smoke screen and escaped.

It is recalled that a German plane was shot down in. the same area on November 20 while laying a smoke screen.

FRENCH RAID ALARM

PARIS, Dec. 27 (UP).—A ten minute "air alert" alarm was sounded in northern France at 12.15 p.m.,

"MADE HITLER SICK"

STALIN

REVERSES

IN FINLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ter).—The "World Telegram"

"It must make Hitler sick to

"The dreams of 'Mein Kampf' could

history as its greatest blunderer."

Negotiations

With Soviet

Japanese Envoy Has

Lengthy Interview

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Domei)

The Japanese Ambassador called

Manchuria Railway were discussed.

have materialised even beyond the

see what is happening to the

Russian Army in Finland.

to be a vain hope.

posing him.

to-day. Sea-Air Battle LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter). R.A.F. planes had encounters with enemy air and surface craft in the North Sea.

One Dornier bomber was hit several times. Two enemy destroyers and four patrol vessels were attacked with

Later the same aircraft attacked seven more German patrol ships and

made at least one hit. Head-On Combats One British aircraft encountered a Dornier bomber and registered

several hits with machine-gun Another British aircraft was in a

series of head-on combats with h second Durnier.

bombs dropped by the British pilot the world cheering rather than op- wounded. as he dived towards it. The bombs only narrowly missed

their objective. When a third Dornier came on the hopes of the dreamer. from the front and rear guns to Hitler blundered. steadiness and accuracy of the Bri- against him. Dornler, both being damaged and which she was too weak to win for communique claims.

silenced. The attack against the destroyers and patrol ships was made close to the German coast, and the attack on the seven patrol ships was close to their base when the British pilot

made his dive attacks. The German ships put up a heavy fire against the aircraft, which nevertheless was not damaged.

AID FROM ALLIES

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for comforts for Finnish soldiers has met with a wonderful response. U.S. Denial

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP) .--The State Department denied London reports that the United States intends ordering Americans to -An interview lasting four diplomatic relations with the Soviet Togoh, the Japanese Ambassa-Government.

Purchasas In U.S. Foreign Commissar, in the WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).-A Kremlin Palace, this afternoon. Finnish Mission has opened negotintions for the purchase of the latest on the Soviet Foreign Commissar at type of American trench mortars, anti-tank guns, together with sizeable supplies of munitions. the fishery question and the Soviet

Talks Held Up

BERNE, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—Trade this year.

negoliations between Great Britain, M. Molotoff explained in detail the in a small lake. A Finnish patrol eventually picked up by the steamer, suspended, and the Swiss delegation the settlement of pending questions. and its occupants. has returned from Paris, according it was understood that final decisions to a wireless announcement to-night have not been reached at to-day's The report submitted to the conversations. Federal Council by the Swiss delega- The interview came to an end at tion reveals that there were con- 9 p.m. siderable differences of opinion between the parties.

Serge Voronoff, the famous "monkey bacco Fund, £21,500 has been col- the King line appoints one of the leading musical comedy gland" specialist, has sailed forces. Subscriptions are being received Pulsae Judge at Nigeria, to be Chief war.

MEAT SOON TO BE RATIONED

Thursday,

No Shortage Likely LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—It is understood that an announcement of the date on which meat rationing will come into force in the United Kingdom will be made shortly.

Rationing is a natural result of the government's decision to take over the control of the sale, slaughter and distribution of all homeproduced meat early in January.

The control and rationing of meat is designed to maintain the supply throughout the country. No shortage of meat is anticipated.

BOCHES PUT ON HITLER SHOW

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).-The failure of what may have been a little military show for fronts, the Japanese casualties totall. Hitler's personal benefit was the ed 100,000, including 43,800 killed. only incident marring complete calm on the Western Front denied the Japanese allegation that

yesterday. The D.N.B. reported that Hitler was present in the front lines south of Chinese have not yet commenced a

Snarbruecken. Approximately at the spot where ese communications. He said the Hitler was supposed to be, the Ger- Chinese attacks along the Yangtze mans sent over a raiding party. If Hitler had really been there he must have heard the rattle of machineguns and the explosions of grenades.

The raid ended with the Germans falling back on their own lines, leaving an officer and two men in No Man's Land,

REDS CONTINUE MASS RAIDS ON FINNISH CITIES

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NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reu-Suvanto was folled but that a ne attempt has begun.

The battle continues. It is claimed that eight tanks were destroyed in the Karelian Isthmus and eight were captured in other

parts of the front. The Russian air attacks, on the "It turns out that he could have moved on Russin with perhaps the whole, have caused insignificant In the latter encounter, the Ger- same speed with which he invaded damage to military objectives but man bomber was attacked with Poland and with much of the rest of several civilians were killed and

Official Communique SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27. (UP).-

scene, the two German vireraft-flew | ... Instead of an easy victory in the The official Finnish communique in a tight circle to bring a cross-fire direction he had at first planned, states that the Russians yesterday launched an attack at noon north of bear against their British opponent. . "He chose a different war, the tide Lake Latialahti but, were repulsed. This manocuvre was broken by the of which is now definitely running. The Russians are still trying to cross the Suvanto River.

tish gunner, who observed a number | "He gave Russia half of Poland | A further Russian attack along the of bursts and their mark on each and control of the Baltic-prizes Taipale River was repulsed, the

To the northeast of Lieksa enemy are retreating to the frontier "The Red Army turns out to have | been merely a false front, and the in the direction of Divisara, where picture of vast Russian resources to | the Finns are advancing. defeat the British blockade seems

In yesterday's air raids on South Finland four civillans were killed "Hitler is likely to go down in and several wounded at Kotka. The total casualties for all raids has not

been stated. Eight enemy tanks were destroyed to the north of Lake Latjalahti where an enemy attack was repulsed.

Soviet Air Raids SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" the town of Tampere, and an un-; boat and then stood by. determined number of bombs on the town of Hameenilna in south central

Finland, where there are many An air-raid alarm was sounded in Helsingfors at 12.45 p.m., when heavy leave Russla and will then sever hours was held between Mr. S. explasions were heard, presumably from bombs, but possibly from the dor, and M. Molotoff, the Soviet | coastal artillery which was heard far anti-aircraft firing in Helsingfors but

no bombs were dropped and the LL clear signal was given at 2 p.m. The Russians also bornbed Hanko. 5 o'clock. During the conversations Results are not known at the mothat ensued, it was understood that ment.

town. The air-raid was sounded but the stern. Diplomatic circles describe the con- | no bombs were dropped. the fact that the existing ashery damage has not yet been reported, were passed by the warship and the arrangement expires at the end of It is said that one raider was shot crew ferried over in earley floats.

New Chief Justice For Mauritius

**Monkey Gland"

FOR TROOPS

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wire-less)—It is announced by the Colonial Office that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. J. L. Devaux, Attorney-General at Trinibless)—The Overseas League and Its on the retirement of Sir G. E. New YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—

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New YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter)—

Serge Voronoff, the famous monkey bacco Fund. £21,500 has been col-M. Voronoff will direct bone and from all parts of the Empire and Justice of Sieria Leone, succeeding In 1029 she married Lord inverskin grafting operations for wounded British communities in foreign Mr. A. H. Webb, recently appointed clyde. The marriage was dissolved Chief Justice at Tangaryika.

MONGOLIAN REVERSES

Admission By Military Spokesman In Peiping

PEIPING, Dec. 27 (Reuter). -Admissions made by the Japanese military spokesman today show that the Japanese troops in Inner Mongolia were hard pressed by the recent Chinese offensive.

The Japanese casualties in the fighting around Pactow totalled a hundred dead, includling a full Colonel.

At one time the Chinese gained a foothold in the north-western part of the city but, said the spokesman, were subsequently driven out with heavy

For a time the railway between Kweihua and Kalgan was interrupted, the Chinese apparently succeeding in OBITUARY

advancing to the outposts of Kwelhua before being driven back.

The Chinese forces are led by General Fu Tso-yi, former Governor

of Sulyuan Province. Heavy Japanese Losses

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (UP),—It s officially reported that between December 1 and 25, as the result of

simultaneous Chinese attucks on all The Chinese military spokesman the Chinese winter offensive was frustrated due to the fact that the

big scale drive to disrupt the Japan-

throughout the year resulted in a

weekly average loss of two Japanese

Anglo-Chinese Discussions

Attempt To Dispose Of Controversies

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter) -A special commentary issued to-day states that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, who will reach Chungking in the next few days on one of his periodical visits, will discuss current questions with the Chinese Government, including the various suggestions for a solution of the Tlentsin issues.

No agreement on these issues has yet been reached between the British and Japanese Governments.

The "Asahi Shimbun" statement | troyed. that "everything depends on the correct since the outcome also and relief work in Anatchia. depends upon the views of the

It is, of course, the object of the are interrupted. Ambassador's visit to Chungking to obtain, if possible, the consent of the Chinese Government for some reasonable arrangement which will dispose ruins. of this troublesome question.

CUT IN HALF BY TORPEDO

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had her head to the sea, great strips have been received. of plating were torn away. The attempt to make port, there-

fore, had to be abandoned. At 10 p.m., another vessel's lights HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (UP)).- were sighted. An S.O.S. was sent The Russians dropped 50 bombs on and she was asked to search for the Turku with unknown results; 15 on missing boat. She failed to find this

> were running so high that the lifeboat was unable to get nearer than

20 feet. the sea and were picked up, it was decided to wait until the weather forward areas, and the initiative has

That night a destroyer appeared and offered to attempt an immediate rescue, but the San Alberto's captain decided to awalt daylight, despite Despatches from Finnish artillery, the heavy seas, darkness and the request for the payment of last headquarters at Ravaniemi say that breaking up of the remnant of his instalment of the price of the North | eight Russian planes flew over the ship, which was slowly sinking by

versations as "Important" in view of Kemijaervi was bombed but the At 7 a.m. on December 11, lines France and Switzerland have been Soviet proposals in connection with has been sent out to capture the plane, Maunder, and landed after five days

"JUNE" SUES HUSBAND

SANTA BARBARA, California. Mrs. Edward Hillman, Jun., formerly_Lady Inverclyde, is suing her husband for a maintenance allowance. They were married at Cannes in August, 1937, and afterwards lived As "June" Mrs. Hillman, jun., was

Exchange At A Glance

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U.S. Cross rate in N. Y. .3.94%

Mr. Augusto de Figueiredo Prominent Portuguese

Resident After an illness of almost a year, Mr. Manuel Augusto de Figueiredo, well-known member of the Portuguese community, passed away this

morning at his residence, 65 Waterloo The late Mr. Figueiredo was 63 years of age, and in his early days was a keen sportsman. He had been connected with Messrs. Shewan, Tomes and Co, both in Canton and Hongkong, and subsequently with the Green Island Cement Company, with which concern he had been for a great number of years. He was an old member of the Club Lustiand, and as a mark of respect the flag of that institution is flying at half-mast. He is survived by his widow, son, daughter-in-law and a grand-

daughter. The funeral takes place to-day, the cortege passing the Monument at 5.30

TREMENDOS UP HEAVALS AGAIN ROCK THE WORLD

(Continued from Page 1.)

cach year, is 350, or approximately

one a day. Casualties Known To, Be High ANKARA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—At a.m. a severe earthquake shook

Anatolia. Details of casualties and, damage are not yet available but it is known that many were killed and injured and that much property was des-

The Minister of the Interior has British attilude" is manifestly in- gone personally to direct the rescue It is still impossible to assess the Japanese and Chinese Governments, | damage and ensualties because communications with some affected areas

> The principal towns in several eastern departments are partly destroyed and many villages laid in

Los Angeles Disturbance LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 (Reuter). —An earthquake shook the buildings of Los Angeles and Long Beach at

11.30 a.m. local time. The inhabilants hurried into the streets for salety. Up to now no reports of damage

Y.M.C.A. IN FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wire-The next morning this ship, the less) .- The Y.M.C.A. expects to have the Belglan tanker. Alexandra spent half a million pounds before Andre, allempted to transfer the the end of February on the establish-San Alberto's crew, but the seas | ment and equipment of red triangle centres for the B.E.F. in France.

The centres, the first of which has recently been opened in one of the After two men had jumped into great ports, will be at bases on the lines of communications and in the approval of the Army Council and Lord Gort.

DEATH LEAP

Injuries suddined when he jumped from the second floor of the Tai Kam Sam tea house in Reclamation Street proved fatal for Liu Cheong-ngoi, 35. Liu sustained internal injuries from which he died shortly after being admitted to hospital. The reason for his act is unknown.

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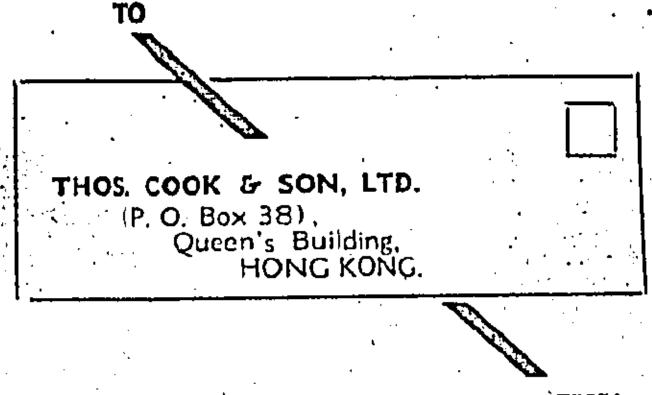
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KHALSA SIKH XI IN ACTION Recreio Deservedly Beat Nomads: R. Engineers'

THERE WERE NO WOMEN'S league games last Saturday, but in a friendly played at the Y.M.C.A. ground, the "Y" Ladies gained an easy victory over the C.B.A. Ladies by five goals to one. The home team included four reserves in their line-up, and had the forwards taken their chances the score would have been doubled.

Test On Sunday Next

In a Tournament game last Sunday, Recreio beat the Nomads 2-0 on their home ground. On the same day the new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action when they beat the C.B.A. 1-0.

Mrs. Gardner and Miss B. Harker, in the "Y" attack, combined cleverly, and Mrs. Burnett put in some good runs on the right wing. Mrs. Strange and Mrs. Stone, as usual, shared the bulk of the "Y" defence, but Miss Stokes, as pivot, also gave useful display; with more experience a a gives every promise of making a good half-back. Better team work was seen in the second half than in the first.

Playing without a goal-keeper, the C.B.A. defence had a gruelling time in the second half, and Miss Parsons, as a kicking back, saved the side from a heavy defeat. However, the defence with Miss I. Woolley, Miss P. Everest and Mrs. Wilmott, fought gamely up to the final whistle, and many good movements by the "Y" forwards were broken up.

Mrs. M. White, who has only just returned from a holiday in England revealed fine stick-work at centreforward, and was the only live-wire in the visitors' attack. Mrs. Quick the inside-left, worked hard but her passing was weak. Mrs. White will certainly be of great value as leader of the attack, but the C.B.A. are still in need of a goal-keeper.

TN a junior friendly encounter on the C.B.A. ground, Argonauta and C.B.A. played a drawn game. C.B.A. fielded a the home team in goal. The Gosano, did most of the attacking money brought to his owner, whose players and had it not been for they were aggressive.

highly instructive.

account of themselves. Aimless hit- occasions suffered from lack ting, many stoppages for minor in- oxygeni ing, in which Miss J. Felshaw was the chief sinner, was the order of the day. Miss Mackay, at right back left in the Tournament to deback, however, played a strong feat them. always a trier in the attack.

THE STATE OF

OLD

United Services Soccer XI

The following have been selected to represent United Services in a soccer match against the rest of the Colony at 4 p.m. on Monday, at the | Ming, Yuen, Navy ground, in aid of the B.W.O.F.—Robinson (Navy), Hill (Service Corps), Shee-Wilkinson (Middlesex); Phip-(Navy), Thorburn Hossack (Navy), (Royal Saw (Middlesex), (R,A,O.C.), (R.E.), Moxham (Navy) Handy (R.A.O.C.) Pearson

Nomads 2-0. Though they deserved to get home in a keen game, the Recs had to go all out, and the result was in doubt until the final whistle.

Portuguese were the better And when they got into their stride, total was £38,464 with his horses in

Miss Mathias was a speedy winger, and Miss C. Xavier, inside left, did fine work. Miss N. Silva, at centre-half, was the most outstanding player on the field, her play being highly instructive. defence. He covered his brother C.B.A. as a team gave a very poor "Old Doc" splendidly—the latter on

fringements, and far too much talk. The Recs-showed-fine-combination,

game, and Miss J. Crawford was Nomads, in the second half, predominated territorially, whilst in the ners. Laughing and talking during a game shows lack of concentration, and should the C.B.A. ladies hope to improve by staging these so-called friendly games, there must be greater attention paid to a definite plan if improvement is to be brought about.

The definite content of the attack.

In the first half Soares, their goal-keeper, was the outstanding player. The defined was the outstanding player. The definite when pressed, and a little more coolness and covering would perhaps, have kept the score down. Beyond this, the defence played well, with R. J. Reed sharing many a keen tussic with his brother "WA"

IN a Tournament game played tussle with his brother "W.A."

on their home ground last attack improved matters consider-Sunday morning, Recreio beat ably, but again, the forwards in

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L/Bdr. Richards having cut in with the ball is about to pass to Cpl. Walte. G. C. Godfrey and B. O'M. Deane, of the Club, in close attendance to Richards. The Club won this rugby match, in the Triangular Tournament last Saturday, by 12 points to 3, and thereby won the Cup.—

han (Middlesex); Freshwater (Mavy), Blue Peter Wins £31,964 For Lord Rosebery

LORD ROSEBERY'S horse Blue Peter, unbeaten for Police, was likewise embarrassed. this year, won £31,964 in stake money in the flat racing season which ended at Manchester.

He made Lord Rosebery the leading owner of the season and Jack Jarvis the leading trainer.

And if the outbreak of war had not caused the cancellation of the St. Leger he would probably have been one of the few triple crown winners.

He had already won the Two depleted team, and Mendonca of N. Beltrao scored two splendid Thousand Guineas, the Derby and La Salle College appeared for goals in the first half, in which the Eclipse Stakes.

fourteen races. Mendonca in goal, would have w. A. Reed, as pivot, was a tower and Jack Jarvis their first Derby won comfortably.

W. A. Reed, as pivot, was a tower and Jack Jarvis their first Derby victory.

son since 1925, for his horses won only ten races worth £10,797.

Next best to Lord Rosebery was Lord Derby, whose herses won twenty-four races worth £22,275, and then Lord Glanelly, who won £19,-187 in twenty-four races.

For the thirteenth time in fourteen years Gordon Richards became the champion lockey, with 155 win-

He has ridden 2,586 winners during his career, and is only 160 behind Stooges Win Fred Archer's full total. ing his career, and is only 160 behind Fred Archer's full total. A totalisator record was set up. The takings on the Derby, £61,608, were a record for any one race.

Diocesan Boys Beat La Salle

In a friendly cricket match yesterday, Diocesan Boys' School beat La Salle College by 34 runs. La Salle College scored only 18

White three for two), while Diocesan Boys totalled 52 (Macaulcy 34, Cup Polo Competition yes-Arculli five for 16, L. D'Almada five

Rull and B. Xavier, however, formed a most dangerous combination. Play modore A. M. Peters, prewas fast and interesting—the Nomads were again beaten by better for- sented the prizes at the comwards.

THE new Khalsa Sikh team | The World Workers opened in defeated a weak C.B.A. team through Lewis and Bousfield. Navy "A" from the Radio, Police and Army are the first chukker that the included in the team, and once this should give a very good account of themselves in friendly fixtures.

C.B.A. fielded a depleted side, and brilliant backhand shot, though they were hard-pressed, V. Bond, N. Whitley and G. Fowler were always in the picture.

MEXT Sunday at 10.30 a.m. on their home ground, at Soo- goal came during the final chukker, kunpoo, the Royal Engineers will be given their first severe test in the H.K.H.A. Tournament, when they meet the Radio World Workers, L. A. Lowis, J. R. and Postal Sports Club, who are chukkers), Major P. S. Whitehead (two chukkers) he present champions.

Carter, I believe, will be seen at left back in the Radio defence, as he Caldbeck, Macgregor & Co., Ltd. has now fully has now fully recovered from his

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Polish Tennis Star Now A Waitress

A. REPORT from Warsaw that Mile. Jadwiga Jedrzejowska, Poland's leading lawn tennis player, and a number of other prominent Polish sportsmen and women, are working as waiters and waltresses in restaurants.

Mile. Jedrzejowska was London grass-court champion, and a finalist at Wimbledon in 1937, when she was beaten by Miss Round.

Fears had been expressed for the safety of Mile, Jedizejowska. She was in Warsaw a week before the German invasion, and it was believed that she was sill there when the city was bombed and shelled.

R.A. Polo Final

THE STOOGES beat the World Workers by 4-2 in the (L. D'Almada 3, Burch four for two, final of the Royal Artillery to convert from mid-way out. terday at Boundary Street. general lacked attacking skill. P. Mrs. Peters, wife of Comclusion of the game.

was seen in action for the overwhelming style, and inside Riddell. first time last Sunday when they seven minutes had scored twice 1-0. Several well-known players It was not until near the end of now combination gets going they Stooges reduced the score to 2-1. Some little while after the commencement of the second chukker,

Colson levelled the scores with a

when Nicholson scored again. The teams were:
Stooges.—Major R. J. L. Penfold, Lt.
P. Nicholson, Capt. A. F. D. Colson and

Try Scored In Last Five Minutes

DRAW

(By "Fly-half")

YESTERDAY EVENING on the Club ground, the Police just managed to save the day through a late try scored by Dempsey after being 3 points down until in the last five minutes.

The game was essentially one between the two hard working packs, with the ball seldom getting further back than the stand-off halves through slow heeling and quick breaking up of the forwards.

Wheeler was outstanding in the Police pack, which did extraordin-arily well in foot rushes, and gave Thomson no time in which to get the ball out to Charter. The result be-ing that Charter had either to make a swift kick to touch or break away on his own.

Luscombe, at the base of the scrum and when he did pass out Leslie had difficulty in fielding his wild passes. Taylor, on the Police wing, was seldom in action, and generally found himself crowded out, with a kick to touch his best move.

Wall was again in splendid form for Police, and dealt with every ball to the best advantage. Walkden, who also turned out at full-back for the Club, was instrumental in holding up numerous dribbles by the Force.

POOR HANDLING

VAN LEEUWEN was in action on Club's left wing more than Lavalle. The latter received few good passes from Taylor, whose handling was poor, although he in turn received few good passes. Reynold, of Police and opposite Van Lecuwen, although seldom seen in attack, was kept busy in keeping the bustling Van Leeuwen

in check. In the lineouts Stout did well for Club, and had more success than Dempsey, Police expert in this department. Any advantage that Stout gained was generally set-off by the good marking of the Police eight, which got round to present a quick

In the set scrums, Salter hooked well, but only to find that his men were shoved off the ball or else good scrumming by the heavier and hardworking Police pack prevented a quick clean heel.

Burford worked hard at wing forward for Club, especially in instigating wheels.

SCORELESS HALF

AFTER A SCORELESS first half, Charter kicked ahead a ball which did not rise and caught the Police back division going in the wrong way. He followed up and scored well out. Castleton failed with the

In the closing minutes of the game, from a loose scrum on the Club line, Dempsey dived over to score after he had smuggled the ball from A. Taylor, of the Club. Wall just failed Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed and the teams were:

Club.-A. F. Walkden; R. M. Lavalle, A. J. G. Taylor, C. F. Needham and H. Van Leeuwen; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; P. F. Wanklyn, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout; B. Hynes, R. G. Castleton; W. Burford, L. A. Benn and W. Stoker. Police.—Wall; Reynolds, Jenner, Jackson and D. H. Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Searle, Rose; Cullinan, Innes; Lewis, Dempsey and

AFTER BEING in arrears at the interval, the Navy "A" best the Royal Army Medical Corps by 9 points (three tries) to five (a goal) at Causeway Bay yesterday.

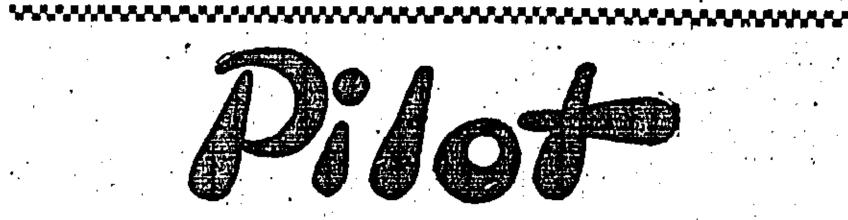
Lt. Bax, at full-back, Mid. Teare, at centre-threequarter, and Mid. The Stooges took the lead in the O'Riordan and Sto. Gallagher, the third chukker through Nicholson, and though several great efforts were side. Gallagher being outstanding in level again, the fourth and deciding threequarters away.

Medicals opened their account with a very good try by Wigglesworth their fly-half, who forced his way through after side-stepping Tel. Paul and Lt. Bax. He also added the goal

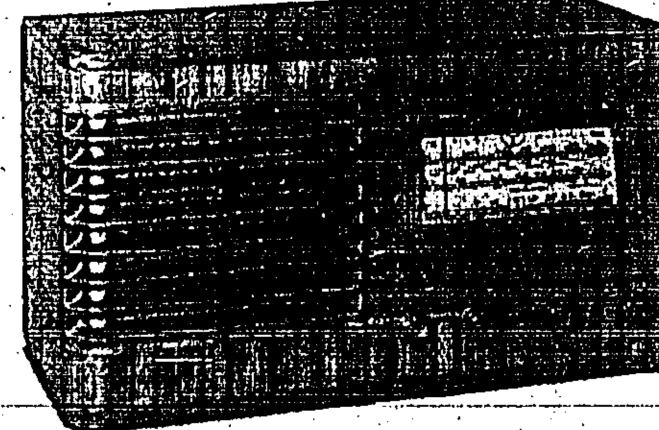
.. The second half was very much a repetition of the first, clihough Tel. Paul reduced Navy's arrears with a smart unconverted try in the left corner. Mne. Jeffries, who played a hard game in the Navy back-division, The following will represent the Hong- gave them their second try, but failed kong Cricket Club and XI against the to add the goal-points, and in the consists date, but they will have to give of their best if they hope to subdue the champions.

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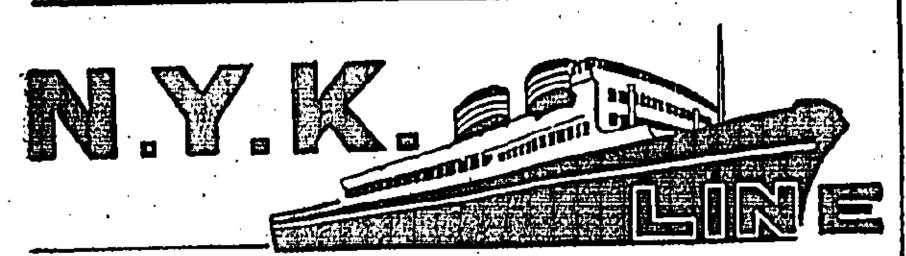
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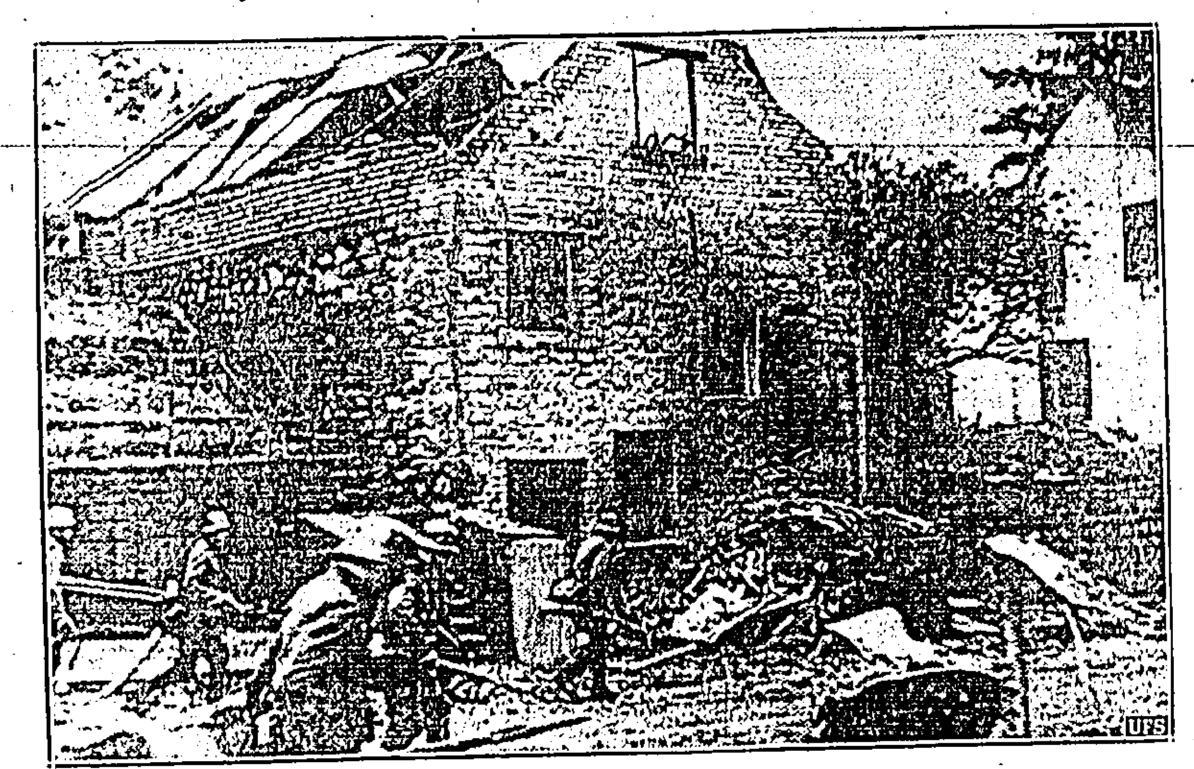
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1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

5.45 Studio-Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations. 6.47 The Hill Billies. That's Gold In Dem Thar Hils, Headln' Home, Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies, Ole Faithful.

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9.05 Reginald Foor at the Organ.

E Miner. Op. 95 ("The New World"). The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald. 10.04 Songs by Nan Maryska (So-

Strauss), Morgen (To-morrow) Strauss). Menuhin. Caprice In G Minor, Op. 1. No. 6 (Paganini-Enesco), Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak-Persinger), La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy-Hartmann), Aliegro (Fiocco), La Capricciosa (Ries). 10.30 Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone) METROPOLE

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8.45 Studio—Talk by Dr. P. S.
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Services. "Campaign against Tuber—
Chestra Bascotte.

Lover, Come Back To Me (num New Moon'), Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone)
with Plano. Valse Blue (Margis).
Tesoro Mio—Waltz (Becucci) Orchestra Bascotte. 11.0 Close down.

8.15 Studio—Recital by Gaston Two Garden Lots Sold At P.W.D. Office

Two lots of Crown land to be used solely as garden lots were sold by Ammore Canta (Tagliaferri)), Il auction at the offices of the Public Pescatore Canto (Tosti), Luna Works Department yesterday.

With an area of 18,300 square feet, a lot on Mount Cameron Road, adjoining rural building let No. 419, 9.15 London Relay-News Sum- was sold to Mr. E. Ott, care of the Credit Foncier, at the upset price of 9.25 Dvorak—Symphony No. 5 In \$915. The annual rental is \$42.

The second lot, north-east of rural building lot No. 397, South Bay Road, Repulse Bay, was bought by Mr. J. M. Noronha, of the Credit Foncier, prano). Standchen (Serenade) (R. for \$360-\$50 above the upset price. The lot has an area of 6,200 square feet, and the Crown rental per annum



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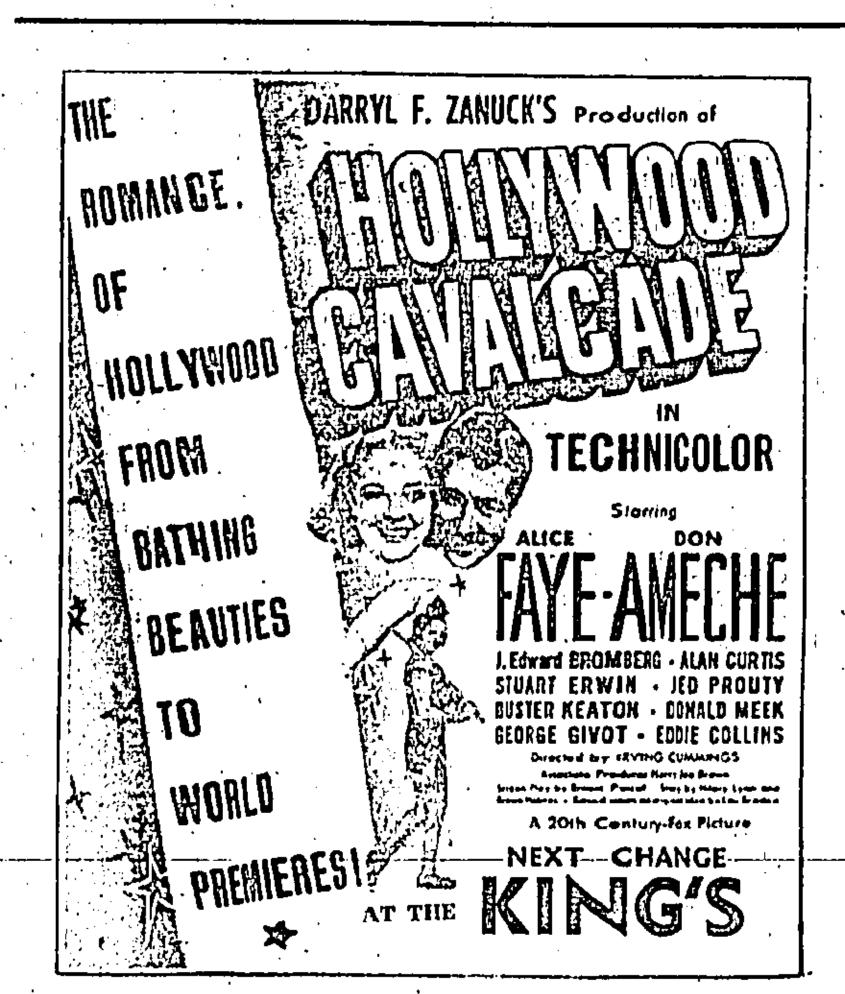
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The Surrenlist costume (a

Bridge Table costume.

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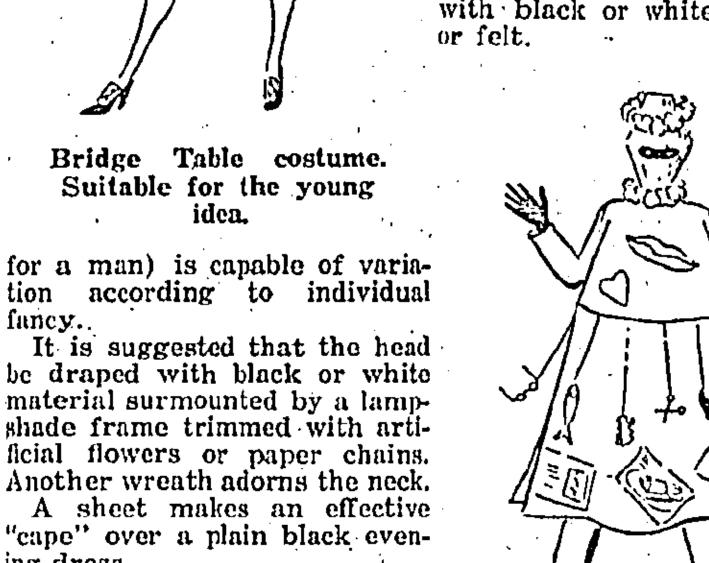
From the cord girdle hang an



decorated with a cutlet frill. Stitch to the dress newspaper similar one can easily be devised pictures or shapes cut from felt, including a large "mouth" on

the bodice. Wear, if you can find them, black cotton gloves. The Russian costume (good for either sex) is effective if it is done like this. Wear a man's white tennis shirt back to front; the collar should be stitched together and the points removed; the tails are cut level.

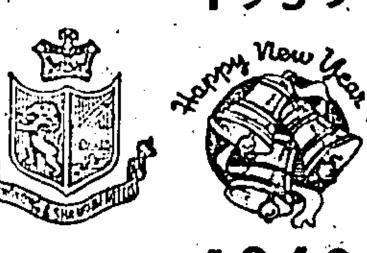
The shirt should blouse slight ly over a vivid sash, preferably red. Choose wide trousers pyjama), and tuck them into Russian, Wellington or riding boots. The hat is easily made with a cylinder of cardboard made to fit the head and covered with black or white fur, cloth



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16—Nearly 17—Body of water
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exclamation 22-Norse navigator 25-Dreadful 26-Neptune 25-Kind of race-horse 29-Jig-saw puzzle 31-Rate of doing work 34-Prowns 37-Dry 35-Refresh JO-Burn 41—Valuable metal 41—Amounts of medicine 44-Btains
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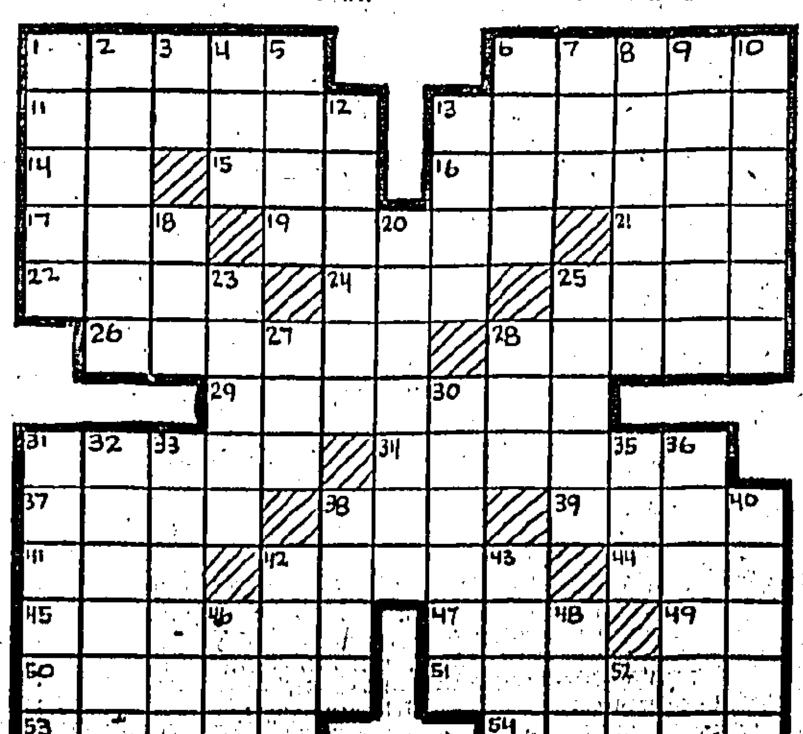
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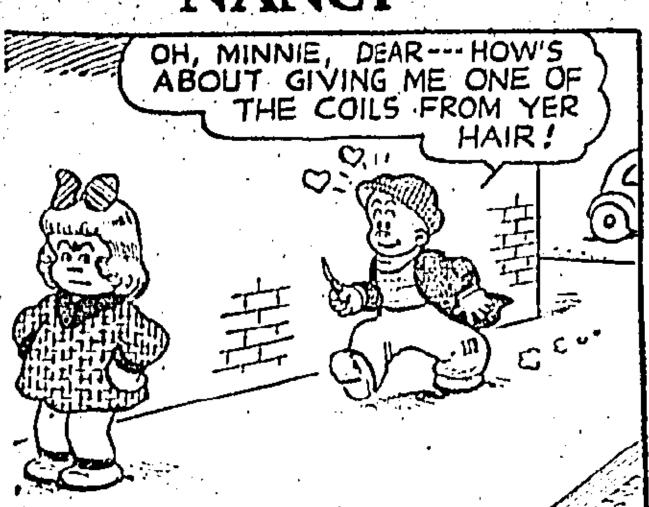
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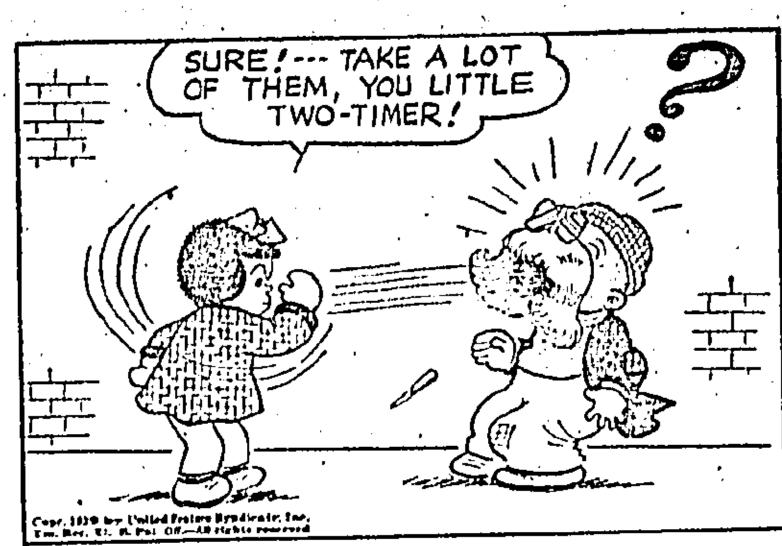
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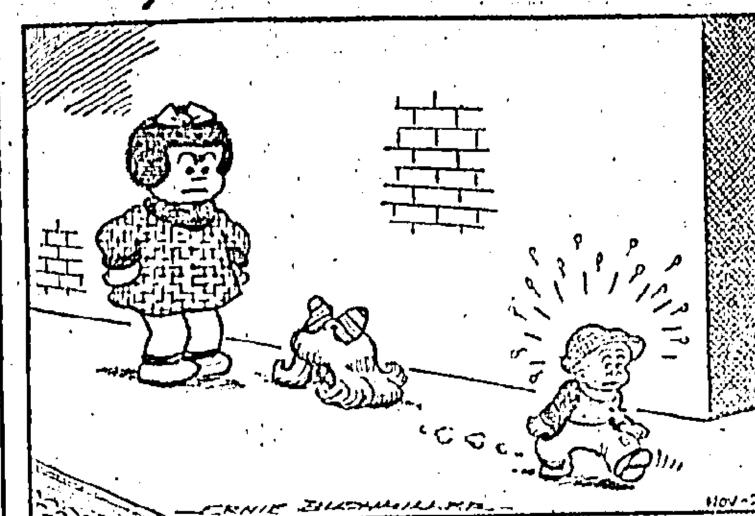


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50 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1889. Bright and clear, if seasonably chilly, was Xmas Day in this "chief gem of Hritannia's crown", as Sir Jawge called Hongkong. And, we venture to think, in no place in England's dominions was it more thoroughly enjoyed--nt nny rate by the European population, from His Excellency down even to the broking element. Every hotel, shop. club and private house was duly decornted, though mistletoe is a tritle dear out hero; and in the matter of good cheer every clime contributedfrom Shanghai wild-duck and game; from Shanghai wild-duck and game generally to tropical fruits from the Philippines, whilst our friends in Queen's Road supplied probably many more tuxuries than the majority of residents here would have revelled in the good old country. The Berlin Foundling Home was as happy as ever, Paster and Mrs. Hartmann having many willing assistants, and there was many willing assistants, and there was the usual well-Inden: Christmas tree.
The guardians of our peace had their accustomed "good, time" at the various stations. At the Central the decorations were exceedingly tasteful, the messroom being gay with flags and approprinte mottors.

25 YEARS AGO

The "Temps" declares that the crisis! has nothing to do with the suggested desputch of Japanese troops to Europe; on the contrary, diplomatic meetings and conversations are being very ac-tively pursued for the armed interven-tion of the Japanese Army in Europe.

A high French military authority has given private expressions, says the "Mail", to the following views as to the probable duration of the war, his entimate being based on the belief that the Germans will commit no great tactical error.

He divides the war into six periodstwo past, one present and three to

The first period was the advance through Bolgium into France. The plotted to solve Memel by violence and second period was the Battle of the Marne and the German retreat to the Alane. The third period is that of the Alane, continuing and Mollinnus.

Troop detachments together with the you refer as 'vulgar ragging which you are and that such emphasis on what was a that of the tion of Lithuania, was made by one of the Yery minor incident is most unfair to other students. developing into the battle for Calais.

the beginning of December. He as- also.

tiations for pence should bring the Hitler's deputy for the section. war to an end with the final withdrawnl of the Allied armies of occupa-

ex-Premier, Mr. Wakatsuki, arrived at tion. The Saar frontiers were closed CANON GREEN: I've had the lor, going as usual to his work at Southampton, from Now Vest should the Saar frontiers were closed CANON GREEN: 1've had the lor, going as usual to his work at Southampton, from Now Vest should the Saar frontiers were closed CANON GREEN: 1've had the lor, going as usual to his work at Southampton from New York abound to-day and until after the Pleblacite union letter, but I still stand by the War Office, where he was private union letter, but I still stand by the War Office, where he was private union letter, but I still stand by the War Office, where he was private union letter, but I still stand by the War Office, where he was private union letter, but I still stand by the War Office, where he was private union letter, but I still stand by the War Office, where he was private the same that the foremast. The last the foremast the foremast. The last the foremast the foremast the foremast the foremast the foremast. Japanese flag at the foremast. The to the territory whose passports have left in a corridor without his Under-Secretary of State. delegation was greeted by the Mayor. I been specially vised.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

mary issued yesterday says: On reopening after, the holidays the market displayed a welcome degree of steadiness.

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An admission that Memel Nazi Storm

Rhine. The sixth period will be the "traitors": Seven of these "traitors" might have occurred has been no much to Berlin.

The estimates that the battle for ment servants, were murdered. Some Chalis will not completely end before of the accused face murder charges student.

signs a period of five months to the Molinnus pleaded guilty from the be-Battle of the Meuse-the end of April ginning. He is said to have declared or the beginning of May, 1915. The that two Memel Nazi organisations had campaign on the libing should last close relationship with the German on the libing should last close relationship with the German on the libing should last close relationship with the German of the Jones Students. His trousers were until February, 1916.

Ernst Neumann, leader of the Nazi banded back to him immediately. The final march to Berlin and nego- party in Memel, was appointed Herr handed back to him immediately.

Dec. 28, 1929.

The Japanese delegation to the London Naval Conference headed by the ex-Premier, Mr. Wakatsuki, arrived at the content of the market of the

SPECIAL!

WAR FRONT

ANOTHER VERY LATEST WAR NEWSREEL

ARRIVED YESTERDAY BY CLIPPER

FINNS HOLDING OFF "REDS"

FINLAND—Dramatic scenes from the war-forn victim

of Soviet aggression, where the gallant Finnish army is

putting up a stubborn fight to save its liberty and

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Canon Says "Ragging was a Disgrace to College"

HONGKONG TELEGRAPH

But it had nothing to do with his views'

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Will Hitler

meet the

ex-Kaiser?

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inherits a

fortune

CAPTAIN EDMUND BUTLER

A month later he was found shot.

His will, published last week,

-in Holland?

Castle of Doorn.

000 fortune.

spends his exile years.

MANCHESTER UNIVERSITY students ragged twenty-one-year-old James Hurst. They "debagged" him. But they deny that they did it because he is a conscientious objector.

When Mr. Hurst, son of a Bury clergyman, was registered as a conscientious objector, his god-father, Canon Peter Green, chaplain to the King, supported the application.

Canon Green said: "Hurst has endured persecution for his outlook among the students. There has been vulgar ragging which was a disgrace to any college."

Mr. C. E. Jones, a student, has written to Canon Green on behalf of the University Faculty Technology Union saying, "Hurst was 'debagged,' but it occurred because he insisted on interrupting a lecture. It had no bearing on his moral

"If it is that occurrence to which

The 126 accused are all Nazis, court- "At no time has he been perse-The fourth and fifth period will be a martialled on December 14, for plotting cuted for his outlook, either moral German retreat and a battle on the to selve Memel and to murder certain or political, and any ragging which

Trousers Returned

This is what they said:-MR. JONES: Hurst was "debagged"

MR. HURST: I was only "de- thirty-four when she married Cap-The Battalion of the East Lancashire bagged" once. It does not happen tain Charteris. He was sixty-eight—Regiment, stationed on the outskirts of often in the college I wish it had had been living in a bachelor apart-Saarbrucken, to-day carried out their not been brought up. I would rather ment, with a housekeeper to look not say anything about persecution after him, for seventeen years since

trousers. That sort of thing isn't Then he moved into the flat in done. It's un-English and a "little Arlington House with his wife.

too Nazi." Mr. Hurst, an electrical engineer-Manchester, has had one anonymous pointed settlement funds in favour vestigation into the administration's letter since his appearance before of his wife during her life, left a few reciprocal trade agreement pro-He said: "I threw it away. It's of his money to his wife, on trust, the tribunal.

all best forgotten."

CONCHIE PLANE GUNS

The speaker was Captain F. C. P. Harris, whose ship, the Clement, was sunk in the South Atlantic by the German ralder Admiral Graf Spec. chief engineer, Mr. W. Bryant.

WILL Hitler meet the ex-Kalser ment. Captain Harris said the -in Holland? Admiral Graf Spee launched a sen-Right in the path of the Nazi armies, should they march to seize the Dutch ports, lies the with machine-gun fire.

> ship and I recognised her at once as the Admiral Graf Spee. She is a

"We were taken aboard the battle-

"She sank the Clement by shell-

----Not-Questioned

"We were quite well treated. We were asked to give our word of honour that we would not attempt

dark, Spanish-type beauty, was ask us any questions.

the Admiral Graf Spee before they transferred us to a Greek vessel.'

The Sceretary of State, Mr. Cordell Hull, said he would welcome an inannuities to his servants and the rest gramme which is under increasing criticism since the Government began to negotiate the proposed Argentine agreement. Senator Arthur Vandenberg has said that the Senate Finance Committee, of which he is a member, will study the result of the programme thoroughly before renewing authority to negotiate new agreements when the present Act expires

blue **Force** fashion

AIR FORCE blue is helping to keep wartime fashions gay. For women, believing in the psychological value of bright clothes, are making a stand against drabness.

Black-and-white will strike a contrasting note, and will be widely worn, but colours generally will be hardly less sober than in peace-time.

Dinner gowns will have long sleeves and high necks. | Both have been decreed for warmth in case heating of halfs and rooms is restricted. Velvet and wool will be popular evening dress malerials.

Although day skirts will be slightly shorier, there will be no shorten- to Mr. John Tennant, fortying or narrowing of evening dress skirts merely to save material.

Hats will have a slightly military He alleged misconduct by his wife, air, some models being based on the the Hon. Antonia Mary Roby Hen-

fashlons were given recently street, W. by Mr. Norman Hartnell, dressmaker to the Queen, who has offered his The Hon. Mrs. Tennant is a services to the Government in the daughter of Lord Charnwood. They

Decree Against Peer's Daughter

A divorce decree was granted in the Edinburgh Court of Session yenr-old son of the late Mr. H. J. Tennant, a former Secretary for Gny notes will be provided by em- Scotland and a brother of the Coun-broidery, sequins and bends. Scotland and Asquith.

son or Tennant with Mr. Cyril Rad-These forecasts of wartimo cliffe, a barrister, of Weymouth-

SHIP'S BRIDGE "IT would be a sticky end-

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secret marriage to his second wife, has left her almost all of his £143,-Mrs. Charteris, famous among sabotage or espionage. socialities for her smart clothes and "Strangely enough, they did not

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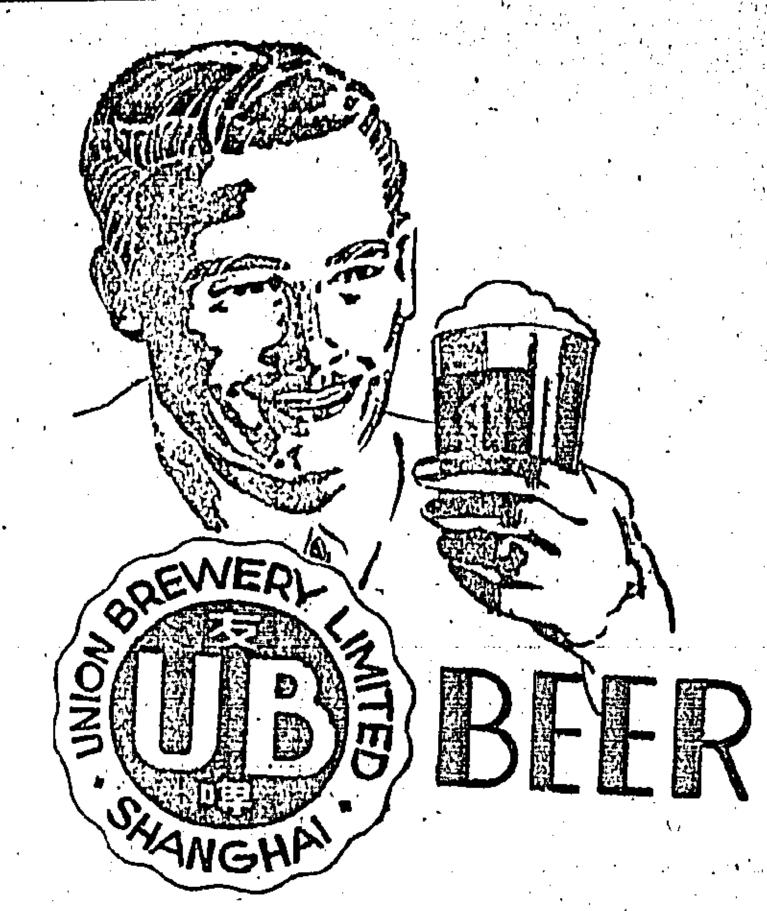


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Latest Move

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 (Reu-

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qualifications, from exploiting

The law also abolishes oil royalties

provides for compensation for damage

Mexicans excepted under this law.

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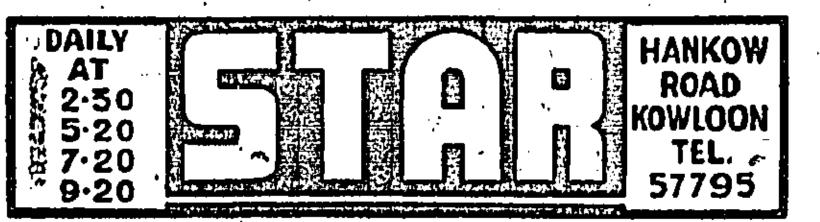
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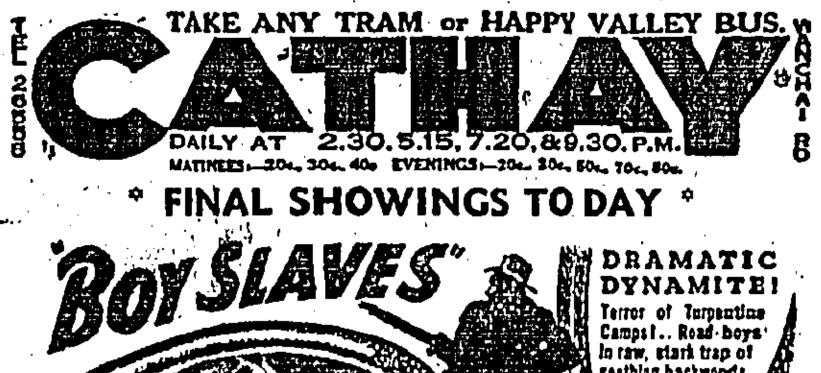
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Indian Mules Going To France

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter). -Mules from India are joining the B.E.F. in France, proving again that no war military operations can safely be conducted without mules, writes "Reuter's" military cor-

respondent. The mule will retain his indis-pensability whatever the circumstances. It was frequently demonstrated in the last war that the mule could surmount all obstacles. He was unequalled for packcarrying across country when shell-

fire had made the roads impassable. "Old Soldiers"

The animals now arriving from India are old soldiers in every sense. They have served with screw guns in the North-West Frontier or in pack trains attacked by the mobile columns of Razmak or Wana.

columns can go anywhere and guns can be galloped into action and mounted in the wildest locations. Mules have enough sense to remain under cover until the time comes for them to take up their burdens again.

NAZI BAIT FOR THE SWISS

GENEVA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).-Several leading Swiss newspapers toduy carry an advertisement of a Berlin company, offering to sell various German patents to powerful enterprises.

Industrial and financial quarters in Switzerland are wondering whether there may not be concealed behind these advertisements a German project for meeting the allied blockade of German exports by introducing the manufacture of patented industrial products in neutral countries so that such products may be exported as neutral

goods. It, is also suggested that the Germans may hope to obtain in neutral countries certain raw materials necessary for the manufacture of these patented goods. These raw materials are no longer available in Germany.

BIG INFLUX OF GOLD TO U.S.

SPECIAL'TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP) .-The Department of Commerce announces that gold imports during the that the allowance of eight rides per theck on all goods entering the war week ending December 20 amounted day was adequate even for children area, it is announced here to-day. to U.S. \$193,666,769, of which \$167,-088,345 came from Canada and is believed to represent transhipments from the United Kingdom.

has arrived on New York, reportedly Scandinavia. Switzerland. India, Egypt and Mexico.

The report says that 79 cases came from Bombay, 32 from Switzerland, 35 from Norway and six from Vera

Big Ammunition Theft In Dublin

DUBLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— Dublin was surrounded by a military cordon this morning as the result of the theft of a large quantity ammunition from a magazine in Queen's Park,

Soldiers patrolled the streets and able. all vehicles were searched. Four men were arrested immediately the theft occurred. So far about a quarter of a ton of stolen

ammunition has been recovered.

Totalitarianism In India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Reuter).-The President of the All-India Liberal Federation said that the greatest danger to democracy in India was what he called the totalitarian spirit prevailing in Congress and the Moslem League. In 'reference to the international situation, he said that India's safety depended on an intimate association with the British Commonwealth.

4,000-Year-Old Tomb In Scotland

EDINBURGII, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— An archaeological discovery of importance was made by Scottish workmen excavating in Dumbartonshire tain of the R.N.V.R.

They unearthed a stone coffin containing the skeleton of a man. Examination of the skull and bones shows the man to have been a stoneage man and he must be at least 4,000 years old.

French Contraband Seizures

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The French Contraband Control brought sixteen vessels into harbour for examination during the week ending December 24 Forty thousand tons of mer-

chandise were mized. Since the outbreak of war the French Navy has brought 217 ships into port and has seized a total of 402,000 tons of merchandise.

K.R.A. And Children's Bus Facilities

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday of last week, Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President, being in the chair. Among those present were: Hon. Mr. L. D'Almada e Castro, Jr., Messrs. R. H. Wong, R. Baldwin, Li Chor-chi, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, D. O. Silver, B. Wylie, C. E. Terry, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli and Rev. J. R. Higgs.

The President extended a welcome to Mr. Wylie on his return from home leave and expressed the pleasure of the Committee in seeing him back with

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Hon. Trensurer's report was presented and approved. This showed, inter alla, during the month, making a total for Favourable Balance For the year of 54 new members. Subscriptions collected to date amounted to \$648 and the credit balance of the Association was \$1,150.08.

Accompanied by the mule, transport | Correspondence dealt with includ- ter).—The Customs returns and ed letters to the Kowloon Tong figures for the first three quar-Garden City Association regarding the ters of 1939, both for "Free nuisance occasioned in Kowloon Tong China" and the occupied areas, by overhanging trees; to the D.A.A.G., were published in the Bank of nuisance occasioned to residents in China's "Financial Review" tothe Jordan Road area; and to the day. Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry Co. and According to these statistics, Custhe "Star" Ferry Co. in regard to life- toms in "Free China" registered a saving appliances on ferries.

Schoolchildren's Bus Ticket \$33,645,000 (national dollars) while in reply to a letter from the figures for the occupied areas, in-Association asking for particulars of cluding the districts of Shanghai and the proposed alteration in children's Kowloon, show an unfavourable bus tickets the Kowloon Motor Bus foreign balance of \$405,116,000. Co, furnished full details of the pro- The adverse balance of internaposed scheme.

tional payments in the Customs under They stated that, in view of Japanese occupation amounted to established facts and other evidence \$269,173,000, while that in the parts all pointing to the necessity of more of Shanghai and Kowloon, "which control over the use of these privilege suffered more or less from Japanese tickets they had decided, rather than interference" was estimated a to adopt the alternative of total \$155,942,000. cancellation of the issue of school children's tickets, to limit the number of rides to eight per day.

Consequently, instead of issuing one balance of \$1,533,000 while Pakhoi ticket as heretofore, a book of tickets and Mengtze both record favourable with days of the month (Sunday balances of over \$13,000,000. omitted) printed thereon will be Wenchow has a favourable balance of over \$8,000,000 while Tientsin

The holder will be required to shows an adverse balance of nearly produce the entire book to the con- \$200,000,000 "owing to the large imductor for punching on each trip, and ports of Japanese goods into North four additional trips will be provided China." on the cover of the book to enable | Kiaochow, Chinwangtao and Checthe holder to travel for renewing the foo show adverse balances of \$45,ticket. These tickets would come 000,000, \$13,000,000 and \$12,500,000 into force on January 1st, 1940, and respectively. the Bus Company further stated that the sale of family school children tickets would be discontinued from In an attempt to half the smuggling that date. of goods into "Free China" from the

Considered Adequate The proposed revised ticket was occupied areas, the Chinese Governthoroughly considered by the Com- ment has decided to establish special mittee and it was unanimously agreed inspection offices to keep a careful who necessarily have to use two dif- During the past year, large amounts ferent routes. It was felt, however, of Japanese goods are said to have that the withdrawal of the family been smuggled into "Free China," ticket privilege would constitute a particularly through Hankow via It is unofficially reported that ap- hardship to parents of large families lichang. proximately \$0,000,000 foreign gold who were least able to afford it, and It is alleged that the Japanese was therefore decided to deplore authorities are giving facilities to this cancellation and to request further consideration thereof by the Bus the river from Hankow for tranship-

It was noted with pleasure that additional rolling stock was expected depriving the Chinese Government of to arrive from England soon which considerable revenue and enabling should materially reduce the present congestion. In reply to a suggestion from the Association that the berths at the Ferry Terminus should be numbered in proper p numbered in proper numerical order, the Bus Company pointed out that this was impracticable inasmuch as the longest berths were necessarily assigned to routes carrying the largest and most buses. A plan of the layout was considered by the Committee and the Bus Company's explanation accepted as being correct and reason-

Street Watering

The question of street cleansing by ter).—The Government has apmeans of watering was again brought before the Committee. Reference was made to recent proposals in this regard by the Hon. D. M. S. at cludes private individuals, exan Urban Council meeting which failed even to secure a seconder. It was unanimously agreed that the qua Association should renew its efforts, oil. which have now extended over many years, to obtain the reintroduction of hitherto paid to landowners, but this much needed amenity.

FRENCH SANTAS FOR KIDDIES

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— Many British children benefited at Christmas by the generous action of the wives of French seamen. The children were those of British naval men who lost their lives in the

present war and each child received from four to five toys, which were sent in 12 large crates. A similar gift was made by a member of the family of the Sultan of Zanzibar, who is an Honorary Cap-

These two generous actions have been much appreciated by the Royal Navy as well as by the children themselves.

ANGLO-SWEDISH WAR-TIME PACT

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .-- A wartime' trade agreement has been signed between the United Kingdom and Sweden. The object of the pact is to adopt existing Anglo-Swedish trade agree-

ments to war-time conditions with a view to maintaining trade between the two countries at a normal level. A joint Standing Committee will meet periodically in London or Stockholm to assist in the smooth operation of the arrangements contemplated under the agreement.

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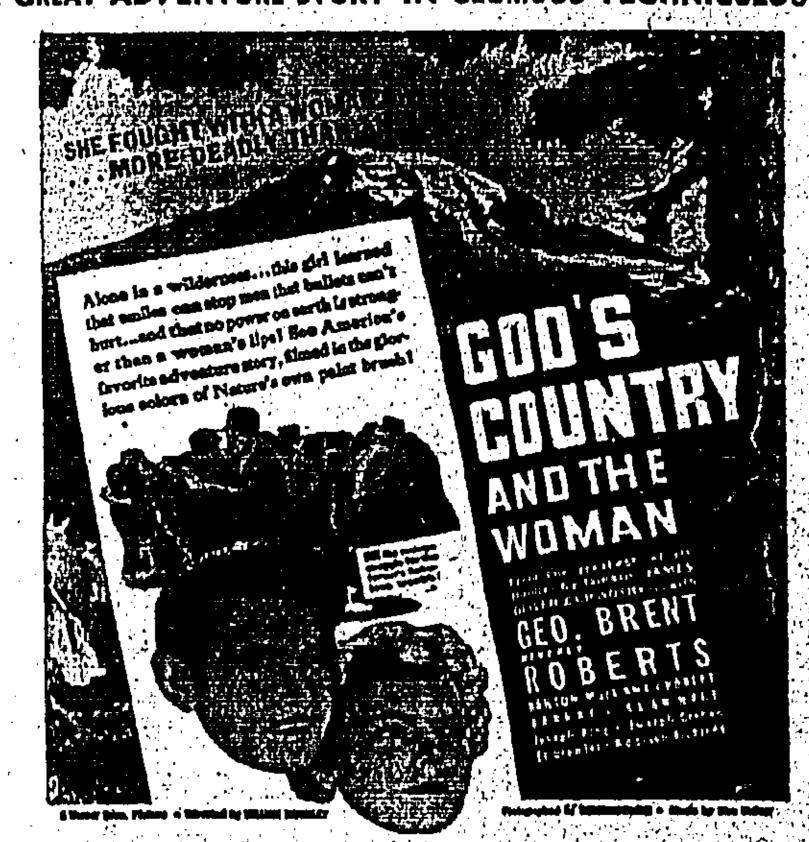


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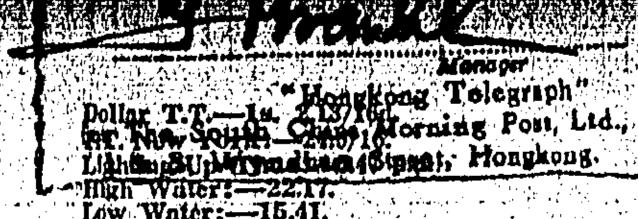
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SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

EARLY REPORTS FROM TURKEY REVEAL THAT SEVERAL THOUSANDS OF LIVES HAVE BEEN LOST IN THE DISASTROUS EARTH-QUAKE WHICH SHOOK THE CENTRAL AND EASTERN PART OF THE COUNTRY YESTER-DAY, SAYS A "DOMEI" MESSAGE.

"REUTER" SAYS THAT UNOFFICIAL RE-PORTS PLACE THE DEATH ROLL AT OVER 6.000.

While reports continue to pour in from the various stricken districts, it has so far been established that the cities of Ordu, Amasia, Sivas, Tokat and Erzincan have been practically demolished, while a number of villages have been wiped out.

FIVE COUNTRIES AFFECTED

Within a week of the great Banda Sea earthquake, which fortunately was attended by no loss of life because it occurred in the middle of the deepest part of the waters lapping the shores of north Australia, New Guinea and the Dutch East Indies, the world has been rocked by a series of earthquakes of unprecedented severity. .

The most disastrous has occurred in Asia Minor. Like its predecessor, it has been recorded all over the world. Almost simultaneously, other earthquakes have shaken Los

Angeles, Tanglers, Persia and Soviet Russia. The Asia Minor earthquake is described by Observatory officials in Hongkong as "a fremendous upheaval."

It smashed the seismograph at Istanbul Observatory—the only time in the history of the establishment that such a thing has_occurred.

GREATER THAN QUETTA

The seismograph at West Bromwich was put out of motion, Mr. J. J. Shaw, England's well-known seimsolo- to re-open the Pearl River as gist, described the shock as the most severe the world has experienced in many years.

It was of a greater magnitude than either the Quetta their materialisation will heartly be or Tokyo earthquakes.

Samson, the big seaport on the Black Sea, is wrecked.

Yosdad, Ordu, Refahiye and Amasye are among the towns destroyed.

HOLLYWOOD ROCKED

The strongest earthquake since 1933 simultaneously shook Hollywood and the nearby city of Los Angeles in California, lopening, as for as the Yangtse is constates another "United Press" message.

film stars.

ANGLO-U.S. TALKS

Lord Lothian Confers With Mr. Hull

WASHINGTON, Dec. 28, (Reuter) .- Lord Lothian, the British Ambassador, and Mr. Cordell Hull, the Secretary of State, conferred at length yester-

It is intimated that the Pan-port adds. American protest against belligerent naval activity in the so-called

After the conference, Mr. Cordell PLEASE Turn To Page 2. Hull stated that a British reply to the protest could be expected soon. of any kind were reached.

On the other issues, no conclusions Germany by the Allies did not arise Me, Macradyen at Kowloon Magisins no instance of interference with tracy this morning for speeding along Mr. Hull told Press representatives American cargoes had yet been Castle Beak Road and Choungshawan. The clause providing for the im-that the position of the United States brought to the attention of the State Road at 40 miles per hour on mediate cancellation of the modus regarding the two-way blockade of Department.

December 6.12

severely in the Long Beach area,

gathering place for Hollywood

Tanglers was also the centre of

An urgent "United Press" flash.

received at 11.30 a.m., states that

many houses, including the Govern-

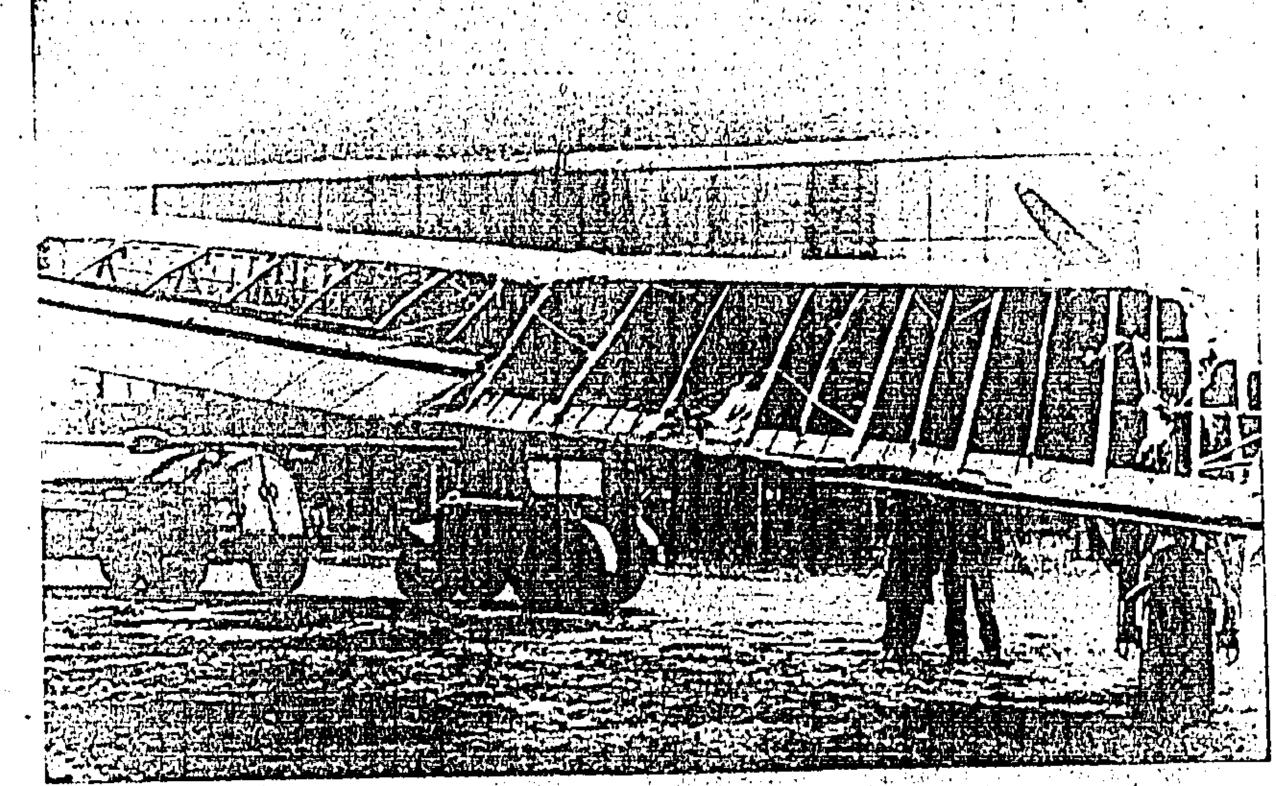
Loss of life has been heavy, the re-

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ment Bank, have collapsed.



LAST WEEK, the "Telegraph" reported and commented upon the remarkable achievement of a British bomber which had the fabric of one of its wings form away when it was struck by a German anti-aircraft shell whilst on a raid over Germany. The explosion completely tore away the fabric of one of the wings. Despite this, the plane succeeded in returning safely to its home base. Here is an official photograph, just received.

YANGTSE REOPENING

Warmly Welcomed By Shipping Magnate

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Dec. 28, (Reuter) _Lord Elibank, in a letter to the "Times," expresses pleasure that the Japanese Government has now officially expressed its intention to re-open the Yangtse River to merchant ships of all nations and that it hopes soon

Lord Elibank says that both these projected measures are of great moment in the present erisis and that welcome to all those with business interests in the Far East.

Lord Elibank's Hopes He expresses the hope that such reopening will not be surrounded by conditions which may minimise or hamper the concession now to be made, or render both re-openings largely negative in operation owing to the number of rules and regulations attached to them.

Lord Elibank adds: "Further, it is not too much to ask that the recerned, will not stop at Nanking but that it will be rapidly followed by a The shock was felt most re-opening as well of the upper reaches of the river where is situated the most fertile district of Central

"In any event, I feel sure that The shocks lasted only ten seconds. Japan can rely, upon the greatest Hundreds of panic-stricken people amount of co-operation on the part left their homes and offices as chan- of all nationals in fulfilling any condellers crashed and street signs top- ditions of the re-opening as long as they are reasonably capable of ful-No casualties have thus for been re- filment."

TWO U-BOATS ARE SUNK

PARIS, Dec. 28' (Router).—The sinking of two more U-bonts is officially announced in a French communique issued last night. The submarines were sunk by a French naval patrol craft.

"Neutrality Zone" and economic The epicentic vis 5,425 miles from mitters connected with the war were cartinquake was 5,425 miles from Fined For Speeding

A fine of \$10 was imposed on Mrs. heavy losses to businessmen on both S. Marshall, of Tak Shing Street, by sides because they would be rejuct-

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Crippled Wings

The story that one of the I R.A.F. machines flow back from Germany, to England with no fat while and half the fabric, gone from the atarboard wing must atrike even the layman as re-

Yet it is certain that something of the sort happened, that the damage occurred over Germany, and that the machine succeeded in getting back to England

It was not very far above the waves when it reached home, and we may presume that the crew threw overboard everything possible to thesen the load, doubtless kept the rubber dinghy as their most precious possession. We may presume, too, that the allerons remained more or less intact.

It is hoped that a photograph of the machine will be available before long and then experts

JAPAN ANXIOUS

Fears Modus Vivendi Clause By U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" TOKYO, Dec. 28 (UP).—According to local reports, authoritative & Japanese quarters are strongly objecting to the reported American Intention of making the modus vivandi . cancellable unilaterally and without

It is claimed that the inclusion of such a provision would place trade relations between Japan and the United States on a day by day basis.

"Good Behaviour Clause" This, it is stated, would entail heavy losses to businessmen on both

ant to make long-term contracts under such conditions. bloandi, which American despatches of the modus vivendi,

CONSPIRACY

"SILENCE" FAILING

LONDON. Dec. 28, (Reuter). -The "Daily Telegraph" Moscow correspondent says that the conspiracy of silence by the Soviet leaders to hide from the Russian people the fact that their army in Finland has suffered reverses is failing.

During these last few days, despite Stalln's birthday and the equally flower-decked ceremony of the local Soviet elections of unopposed candidates, war feeling has become alive in Moscow.

Secret Tension Apparent You could feel a secret tension in

the streets, the strain of those hiding their real feelings. This was because they were begin-

nling to hear about the many casualtles suffered by the Soviet Army in what had originally been presented to them as a mere man-hunt of Finnish policemen by a vastly superior Soviet expeditionary force.

They have heard that the Leningrad hospitals are full and that the schools of that city are being closed, partly as an air-raid precaution, but points on the Leningrad-Moscow Rallway hospitals are filling up.
And they have heard that the wounded are actually being shunted many and Russia.

least of Moscow's biggest hospitals been made with regard to railway is being evacuated of its civilian transport.

Seven Men Saved From The Sea

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter) .--Seven members of the crew of n small Norwegian steamer, which was mined in the North Sen yesterday, have been picked up. The other members of the crew went down with the ship.

lrefer to as the "good behaviour clause". is an indication that the authorities in Washington intend to use it as a means of bringing pressure to bear on Japan. The clause is held here to be unjust ingemuch as it hullines the spirit

EXECUTES HIS DEREVIANSKY PROPHET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Domei).—M. Dorevlansky tho Russian Minister to Finland became to Stalin what Herr Joachim von Ribbentrop was to Hitler-an imaccurate reporter and prophet. But Dereviansky's fate has been execution before a firing squad.

He reported on his return from Helsingfors to Moscow that the Finns would capitulate to the Soviet threats. On the strength of this Stalin did not believe that Finland would take up arms, but would submit passively to Soviet coercion.

The Finns, however, not only rushed to the defence of their country against the Russian invasion, but have since gone so far as to drive the Reds back to and boyond the Russo-Finnish border.

Shocked and amazed by this unexpected opposition, Stalin ordered the death of Deroviansky, the man who had dared to give him false prophecy.

Finns Advance 50 Miles Beyond Russian Border

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

ON THE SALLA FRONT, Dec. 27 (UP).—The retreating and defeated Russian Army on the northern front is becoming increasingly demoralised—to an extent that is puzzling observers.

The Finnish troops who, led by the Commander of the Finnish Northern Army, General Kurt Wallenius, last week penetrated into Russian territory, has now reached to a depth in some parts of 50 miles beyond the Russo-Finnish frontier.

Graf Spee

Protest Is

Rejected

BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 28, (Reu-

ter) -A rejection of Germany's pro-

test against the intemment of the

crew of the Graf Spee is contained

lin a long memorandum published by

In this memorandum, refusal is

justified under Article 13 of the

It is pointed out that the pocket

LATEST

T. V. Soong Still

In Hongkong

A "United Press" report from

Chungking stating that Mr. T. V.

Soong had left Hongkong and was

now in the war capital, has been

The local office of "U.P." was this

afternoon informed that Mr. T. V.

It was also officially stated that

there has been no attempt made to

establish a general joint administra-

tion of the four Government banks.

officially denied in Hongkong.

Soong is still in the Colony.

battleship was sunk voluntarily and

the Argentine Government.

Hugue Convention of 1907.

The Finns are completing the demoralisation of the Russian forces with swift lightning attacks by ski patrols, who are proving an invisible, swift and

deadly enemy.

Along the Arctic Circle, Finnish troops have penetrated to as far as Kantalahti, the vital Russian naval and aerial base at the head of the White Sea.

__Supply_Routo_Cut___ The Finns have succeeded in cut ting the Leningrad-Murmansk Railway, the only supply route available to the Russians defending Following the capture of

strategic railway, the Finns advanced to Kantalahti. "Our ski troops do not let the Russians rest or sleep," said the crew rescued in tugs expressly General Wallenius, in an interview provided for the purpose.

with foreign journalists to-day. "Russia is now the only great Power supplying us with arms and nmmunition! Using Red War Materials

"Our men are using the large amounts of war materials left behind by the Russians during their retreat!' General Wallenius showed journalists how the snow had aided in the Russian defeat. In a small forest which seemed completely bare of men, he claimed

Berlin-Moscow

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Air Service January SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BERLIN, Dec. 27, (Domei) .regular air service between Berlin and Moscow will be possibly to provide space for beds. Berlin and Moscow Will be They have heard that at various inaugurated on January 21, according to an agreement announced to-day between Ger-

Simultaneous with this air trans-Finally it is reported that one at port agreement, an arrangement has

The idea is to facilitate the transport of grains and other material from Russin to Germany.

Further Late News

See Back Page For

BY REDS SOON

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (UP).—Although interest at present centres on the Salla Front, it is apparent that the Red Army intends to commence a major offensive against the Mannerheim Line in the central area before

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Was Too Vivid

Nazis Try To Explain Why Ark Royal Floats

BERLIN, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— The Nazi Ministry of Information, headed by Dr. Goebbels, has now explained why the British aircraft-carrier, Ark Royal, is still affoat.

In a broadenst on Tuesday night, a many never claimed to have sunk the Ank Royal. She had merely asked

where the aircraft carrier was. The Nazis, said the announcer,

the Ark Royal. Unfortunately for Dr. Goebbels, listeners all over the world have heard to the contrary.

In one typical broadenst from Zeesen, it was said: "It is clearly established that the Ark Royal was destroyed."

The same broadcast described the lighting up the sea" and it was said that when dawn broke the next day the Ark Royal had disappeared, leaving only a huge pall of smoke to mark the spot where she, once had

"JUNE" SUES HUSBAND

SANTA BARBARA, California. Mrs. Edward Hillman, jun., formerly Lady Inverclyde, is suing her husband for a maintenance allowance. They were married at Cannes at Beverley Hills.

As "June" Mrs. Hillman, jun., was late to-night. one of the leading musical comedy nctresses in the years after the last

In 1020 she married Lord Inverclyde. The marriage was dissolved

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The office of the Commercial His Secretary to Majesty's Embassy in China and His Majesty's Trade Commissioner, at Hong Kong, will be closed as from the lat January, 1940.

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Shippers are requested to apply to the Secretary for signature of contracts.

W. F. ARNDT, Secretary.

Hongkong, December 27, 1939. Russo-Bulgarian

Trade Talks MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Reuter). in August, 1937, and afterwards lived Trade negotiations between Russia and Bulgaria are expected to open

> of six delegates, is headed by the Purchase price. The Bulgarian Mission, consisting Minister of Finance.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Shamshulpo, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from 1st July, 7898, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the 24 years less the last three days

thereof. Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred will be refunded on payment of

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS to be held on Tuesday, the 2nd day of January, 1940, at 3 p.m., Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of Road near Quarry Bay, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

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ere closed at 5 p.m. INWARD MALLS KING, for one further term of Air Mail by "Pan American Air-ways Direct Service"—San Francisco Date, 19th December. Dec. 29. Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date, 20th Dec. U.S.A., Honolulu, Japan and Manila (San Francisco date, 3rd Decem-dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum Inpan and ShanghatDec. 30. Airmail by "Imperial Airways Direct Bervice"-London Date 23rd Dec. Dec. 31. Bangkok, Saigon and Tourane

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Thursday, Dec. 28 Amoy 7.00 p.m. Friday, Dec. 29 Parcels only for Tientsin ... 10.30 a.m. Parcels only for Halphong ... 1.30 p.m. Formosa, Shanghai and Japan one Lot of Crown Land at King's Saigon, Sandakan, Madang, Sala-

maua and Tulage2.30 p.m. Manila, Rabaul, Australia and New Zealand via Brisbane—due Brisbane, 16th January, G.P.O. & K.P.O. Reg. Dec. 30, 8.45 a.m. Ord. Drc. 30, 0.30 a.m.

Straits, Ceylon, India, East Africa, Aden, Egypt and Europe via Suez and London Parcels-due London, 6th February G.P.O. and K.P.O. ParcelsDec. 29, 5 p.m. Reg. Dec. 30, 9.45 a.m.

Ord. Dec. 30, 10.30 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 30 Shanghal, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No Parcels for Canada)—due San Francisco, 17th January, 1940.

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Tuesday, Jan. 2

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The Monlin Gold Share market closed steady with a good undertone after a fairly active morning session.

The average was slightly off on a good volume.

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T.T. Indla	821/4
T.T. U.S.A	. 24 %
T.T. Manila	. , 48%
T.T. Batavia	45¼
T.T. Bangkolc	.15034
T.T. Saigon	.1081/4
T.T. France	. 10.85
T.T. Switzerland	107
T.T. Australia	. 1/6% -
BUYING	
4 m/s L/C London	.1/3 %
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4 m/s L/C U.S.A	25 🔐
4 m/s France	. 11,40
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02
U.S. Cross rate in N. Y.	3.94%

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations

issued on the Hongkong Stock N ket this morning.	Inr
BANKS	
H.K. Banks, \$	5 b
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) £821/	5 n
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) £8	5 n
Chartered £85	
Mercantile, A. & B. £291	
Mercantile, C. C	_
East Asia \$	
INSURANCES	., .,
Canton \$20	n ii
Union \$	5 n
China Underwriter \$11/	'n
H.K. Fire \$	5 n
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SHIPPING	
Douglas \$	<u>.</u> ij
Steamboats \$	1 n
Indo-Chinos P.\$10	0 b
Indo-Chinas D\$8	0 b
Shell (Bearers) s/8	
Waterboats \$71/2	
DOCKS ETC.	
Wharves \$	2 n
Double 6 10.0	/s s.

MINING llaubs \$ ex. div.10.10 n. Venz. Gold \$.....4 n. H.K. Mines \$......4 ets. n. LANDS Hotels \$..... 4.90 b. S'hai Lands Sh. \$ 111/4 n. Humphreys \$.....8.00 n. H.K. Realties \$......4.30 b. Chinese Estates \$ ex. div. . . . 101 n. UTILITIES Trams \$......17 b. & sa. Peak Trams (old) \$...... 8 n. Peak Trams (new) \$.....4 n. China Lights (old) \$.....7.60 n. China Lights (new) \$.....4.85 b. H.K. Electrics \$.........52.75 sa. Macao Electrics 181/2 n. Sandakan Lights ex div. .. 11.00 n. Telephones (old) \$......25 s.

Telephones (new) \$......... b. Tractions (Pref.) s/- 18/9 n. INDUSTRIALS Cald: Macg. (Ord.), Sh. \$..14.90 n. Cald Macg. (Pref.), Sh. \$....13 n. Canton Ices S..... 1 n. H.K. Ropes \$....... 6 b. STORES, &c. Dairy Farms (old) \$...........21 b Dairy Farms (new) \$....20.30 b. Watson \$.....8.85 b. H.K. Entertainments. \$.....634 b. Constructions (old) -\$.....1.75 b. Constructions (new) \$......1 n. G. Bonds48% n. H.K. Govt. 4% Loan 100 n.

H.K. Govt. 3½% Loan 97½ n. Marsmans (Lon.) s/- 14/9 n. Marsmans (H.K.) s/-....4/- n. MANILA SHARES

Following are sales and bld prices:
Dec. 27. Dec. 28.
Afternoon Morning Batong Buhay

Suyoc Cons. Syndicate Invest. .. United Paracale ... The following is Swan, Culbertson The Monila Gold Share market

Suyoe and I.X.L. lost one centavo to go ex-dividend, while Antomok Reg.Jan. 3, 5 p.m. went ex-dividend to remain un-centavos and North Camarines rose

Dec. 27. Dec. 28. Votume of bustness hanghal Pa 621,700 Pa 625,300 3.30 p.m. Gold Share Aver. ...

6,000 DEAD IN ASIA MINOR UPHEAVALS

(Continued from Page 1.)

told the "Telegraph" this morning. The maximum recording in Hongkong was 40 millimetres, indicating that the shock was tremendous. "There will undoubtedly be a lot of damage if the epicentre occurred anywhere near populated towns," the

official said. Sea and Asta Minor shocks there en route to the Antarctic. was a violent upheaval in South commented.

The average number of earthquakes, big and small, recorded at ! the Royal Observatory in Hongkong crossing of the international day line each year, is 350, or approximately but the festival nevertheless was

one a day. Casualties Known To Be High | carol singing. ANKARA, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—At

Precise details of easualties and of food to see them through until a damage are not yet available but it supply ship arrived. destroyed.

The Minister of the Interior has gone personally to direct the rescue and relief work in Anatolia. It is still impossible to assess the damage and casualtles because communications with some affected areas

are interrupted.

Los Angeles Disturbance

11.30 a.m. locel time,

streets for safety, Up to now no reports of damage have been received.

FINNS ADVANCE 50 MILES BEYOND RUSSIAN BORDER

(Continued from Page 1.)

that 3,000 white-clad Finnish skl troops were encamped. Red Retreat 53 Miles

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" come the most important in the Christmas, lamazing Russian reverses.

the Russians back to their own lines outside the Majestic Theatre. in Soviet territory. . It is officially claimed that the appeared. Red Army retreated 53 miles in

three days. since December 17.

ANTARCTIC QUEST

Admiral Byrd At Wellington

WELLINGTON, Dec. 27 (Router),-Admiral Byrd arrived unexpectedly aboard his Polar The big carthquakes of the past Exploration ship, "North Star," week—in addition to the Banda Exploration ship, "North Star,"

The passage out was uneventful America—have followed a period until the ship ran into a gale, but when "the earth has been curiously the vessel and cargo, including a the Observatory official snow cruiser, were not damaged.

Missed Christmas Day Christmas Day was missed by the

celebrated with exchange of gifts and The expedition called at Pitcairn 1 a.m. a severe earthquake shook Island, where it found that the in-Anatolia.

is known that many were killed and Admiral Byrd also called at Rapa, injured and that much property was before his arrival, were unaware that war had broken out.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter).-The Christmas declarations of King The principal towns in several George VI and M. Daladier are eastern departments are partly favourably contrasted with those of destroyed and many villages laid in the Nazi leaders by the American

The "Boston Herald" says that the LOS ANGELES, Dec. 27 (Reuter), statements of the King and M. --- An earthquake shook the buildings | Daladier are more understandable to of Los Angeles and Long Beach at America because they spoke int cautious words of rulers who re-The inhabitants hurried into the cognise their responsibilities to their

"Conversely we are shocked by the Christmas message of Herr Hess, in which he said that the German nation feels that God has sent us a man. The man referred to is not Jesus but Hitler," says the journal.

XMAS PRESENT STOLEN

EDWARD BROWNE, a school-boy HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (UP).- residing at 5 La Salle Road, received

Yesterday morning Edward blithely bleycled down Nathan Road, The Finns claim to have driven whistled as he parked his "bike" When he returned, it had dis-

A wrathful Edward, accompanied by a Chinese constable, spent yester-Five thousand Russians are un- day afternoon searching for his proofficially reported to have been killed perty, the theft of which has been reported to the Yaumati Police

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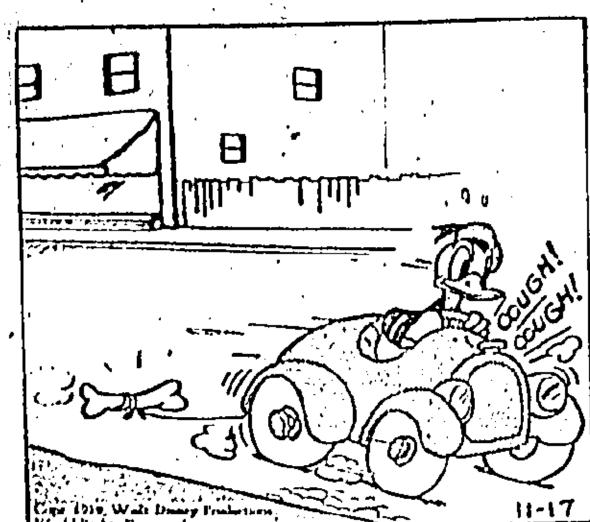
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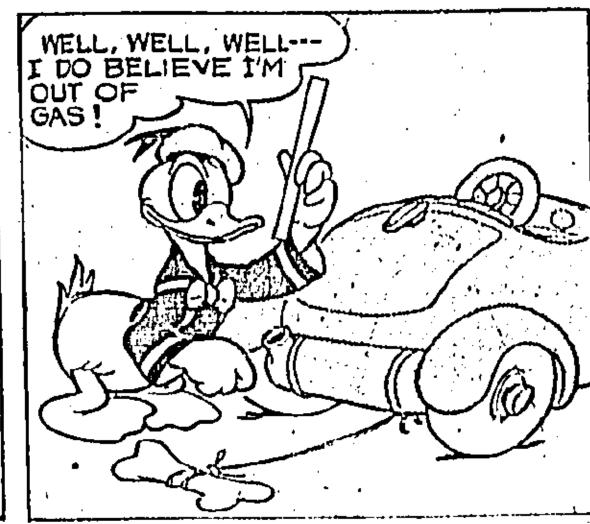
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MEAT SOON TO

BE RATIONED

No Shortage Likely

ter).—It is understood that

an announcement of the

date on which meat ration-

ing will come into force in

the United Kingdom will be

Rationing is a natural re-

sult of the government's

decision to take over the

control of the sale, slaughter

and distribution of all home-

produced meat early in

The control and rationing

of meat is designed to main-

tain the supply throughout

DOG-FIGHT

Chinese Planes, Give

Combat To Invaders

east of Nanning.

Japanese claim.

-SPECIAL-TO-THE "TELEGRAPH"....

diately gave combat and, in the first midair engagement in South China,

Japanese craft shot down three of the Chinese machines, according to a

Japanese planes carried out intense

All Japanese planes safely return-

ed to their base towards the evening.

LOSS OF COIN

under strict Nazi control.

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bombardment of the Chinese forces

and their positions near Knotang.

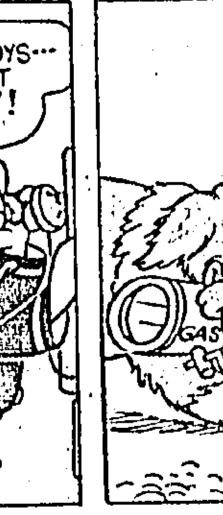
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of meat is anticipated.

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LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reu-





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Seized Aboard Ship En Route To London

ter) .- A description of his hostilities. detention by the Nazis was given to the Oslo correspondent of the who has just been released.

on an Estonian boat which was capital this morning. taking 75 Polish refugees to Sweden, presuming that no German of the Baltic.

waters, when a German auxiliary matter of fact, he said, the Chinese ter).—The Government has apcruiser of 15,000 tons appeared and have not made any such attempt as proved the law drafted by ordered us to stop,

Taken Prisoner

took the passengers prisoners." landing at the German control port of this spokesman claimed.

came, he travelled by car to Sassultz now scattered on the various fronts and then on a regular boat to Sweden for the attempt, they will only fall Up to December 24, Japanese, dead

"Monkey Gland" Expert Joins Up

gland" specialist, has sailed for Japanese forces during the current ganda will probably be continued Europe to join the Allied forces. | month. skin grafting operations for wounded Japanese suffered no fewer than and the passing of Japan's military

Words In The Far East, Too! SHIP CUT There's A AND COUNTER-CLAIMS

OVER and above the fighting which is taking place on the various AMSTERDAM, Dec. 27 (Reu-fronts, a "war of words" has been introduced into the Sino-Japanese

"Telegranf" by Mr. Gordon have attempted to cut commun ications on the Yangtse River, Vereker, the British diplomat and he also glossed over the "suc cess" of the Japanese northward drive along the Canton-Hankow Railway and the "failure" of Mr. Vereka said that he had the Chinese "winter-offensive."

wanted to go to England via Chinese military spokesman in Riga, Sweden and Norway, and Chungking, according to a "Central had therefore booked a passage News" message from the Chinese

"Merely Propaganda" The spokesium states that the warship would be met in this part Japanese report of the Chinese intention to cut the Japanese communi-"But I had under-estimated, We cations on the Yangtee River is were almost in sight of Stockholm, merely propaganda, which betrays although still outside territorial their own fear and anxiety. As a

It is not yet time. However, though the Chinese have not formally enforced a blockade, cludes private individuals, exmany Japanese vessels have been cepting Mexicans with certain "The Germans came aboard and attacked in the Yangtse River during qualifications, from exploiting the past few months and an average oil Mr. Vereker then described his of three were damaged each week,

Swinemunde, where he was shut up With reference to the Japaness hitherto paid to landowners, but in a military prison.

Although his imprisonment was unpleasant, he said, his situation was the Japanese have long been dream-working. as agreeable as was possible under the ing of occupying the entire railway The Germans treated him with ing on Hengyang.

great correctness and sympathy. The Chinese rather welcome such morally and physically capable of and denied him nothing but his a Japanese attempt, for though the carrying out the work of exploita-When the order for his release trained recruits and all their troops

deeper into the quagmire. No Winter Offensive

As regards the Japanese allegation of the failure of the Chinese "winter offensive," the spokesman said that tion of Japanese propaganda in the the Chinese had not launched any last few days, he stated that it was counter-offensive, and the persistent largely intended for home consump-NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter),- report might have been originated tion-in-view-of-the opening of the Serge Voronoff, the famous "monkey to cover the staggering losses of the Diet on December 26. This propa-

100,000 casualties during the month. budges.

Recently a Japanese spokes man alleged that Chinese troops

Mexican Oil Control

President Cardenas' Latest Move

MEXICO CITY, Dec. 27 (Reu-President Cardenas which ex-

The law also abolishes oil royalties

Mexicans excepted under this law, must be financially, technically,

found by the Chinese numbered more

Commenting upon the intensificauntil next January or February after M. Voronoff will direct bone and According to this spokesman, the the adjournment of the Diet session

HALF BY TORPEDO

Amazing Attempt To Reach Port

LONDON, Dec. 28 (Reuter). -Their ship cut in half by a German torpedo, the crew of the London tanker. San Alberto, which was sunk without warning in the Atlantic, returned to the surviving stern half, got steam up and made a bold attempt to

sail to port. This amazing story of the sea became known last night. The San Alberto was attacked with-out warning on December 9. The

crew escaped in four boats 15 minutes before she broke in two. The fore part twisted and sank

immediately. Two boats, with the captain in one, kept together in the driving rain, squalls and rising wind and they could occasionally see the other two but could not reach them.

Early in the afternoon, the captain determined that the after part would not sink. They returned and the crew started to raise steam. By night-time the engines worked and there was electric light.

The third bent came alongside but one was still missing.

Slow Astern By keeping the engines going slow astern, they kept the seas from tearing the front part of the ship's rethe country. No shortage mains in bits, but every time she had her head to the sea, great strips of plating were torn away.

The attempt to make port, therefore, had to be abandoned. At 10 p.m., another vessel's lights were sighted. An S.O.S. was sent and she was asked to search for the missing boat. She failed to find this

boat and then stood by. The next morning this ship, the the Belgian tanker, Alexandra Andre, attempted to transfer the San Alberto's crew, but the seas were running so high that the lifeboat was unable to get nearer than

-After two men had jumped into-A JAPANESE AIR BASE, the sen and were picked up, it was Dec. 28 (Domei).—The first air decided to walt until the weather

duel in South China for over two moderated. years is reported to have taken! That night a destroyer appeared place on Wednesday afternoon and offered to attempt an immediate when Japanese Army aircraft decided to await daylight, despite encountered a flight of Chinese the heavy seas, darkness and the I-16 type pursuit planes over breaking up of the remnant of his Sunhu, north-east of Nanning, ship, which was slowly sinking by

The Chinese pursuit planes, imme-

BOCHES PUT ON HITLER SHOW

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuter). The failure of what may have been a little military show for Hitler's personal benefit was the only incident marring complete shipment of new subsidiary coins zalm on the Western Front

for Hongkong was lost when the The D.N.B. reported that Hitler was vessel was sunk recently in present in the front lines south of European waters were officially Saarbruccken. denied this morning as being 'entirely without foundation."

There is no extraordinary shortage of subsidiary coins in the Colony, and the fact that premium is being balance in the ratile of machine-

and the fact that premium is being guns and the explosions of grenades.

Charged by native money-changers is The raid ended with the Germans probably attributable to the fact that falling back on their own lines, the usual demand for small coins ex- leaving an officer and two men in MARINA HOUSE. perienced just before Chinese New No Man's Land. ************

Year has already commenced. French Communique SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PARIS, Dec. 27 (UP),-To-day's REJECTED SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

communique says: "There was strong activity by patrols and recommissance planes on both sides between the Moselle and the Saar BUENOS AIRES, Dec. 27 (UP)-The Arkentenian Government has re-

"During the last three weeks, two jected the protest of the German enemy submarines were successfully Government at the internment of the 1,000 Officers and men of the scuttled | attacked; one by the patrol boat pocket-battleship Admiral Graf Spee. Commandant Duboc and the other A German request that one officer by the destroyer Sirocco and La be permitted to remain with each Railleuse, co-operating with a naval

group of interned sallors was also airplane. "This brings to three the total of The request is regarded as an at- enemy submarines sunk by tempt to keep the German sallors destroyer Sirocco in less than

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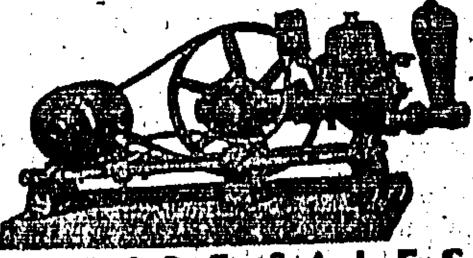
C2709-Paul Jones. Lover Come Back to Me. (F.T.). Pink Lady. (W.) I Want to be Happy (F.T.). Who. (F.T.) Merry Widow. (W.) New Mayfair Dance Orch. C2713-One Night of Love Memories. Ciribirin, Habanera. (Carmen).

One Fine Day (Butterfly) Sempra Libera (Traviata) Soprano with Orch. C2716-Ballad Memories. Sweet and Low. Come Sing to Me. Three Fishers Dear Little Shamrock. God Send You Back. Sally in C2719-Jerome Kern Melodies. Look for the Silver Lining. Who. She.

didn't say Yes. Wild Rose. Blue Eyes: Dancing Time, London Palladium Orch. C2964—Gilbert and Sullivan Selection. Mikado, Yeomen of the Guard. Pirates of Penzance, Gondollers. Iolanine,

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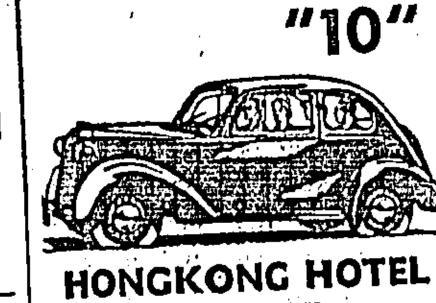
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DEATH

FIGUEIREDO.-At his residence No. 65 Waterloo Road, on Thursday, December 28, 1939, at 3.20 a.m. Manuel Augusto de Figueiredo, aged 63 years. Funeral will pass the Monument at 5.30 p.m. to-(Shanghai and Japan papers please copy).

Hjongkong Telegraph.

Thursday, December 28, 1939. Wyndham St., Hongkong

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war, and with what prospect talents of government experts in land and Wales). several countries. In all their estimates, speculation in some measure is necessarily present. The knowledge whether Hitler deliberately chose war with Britain and France or whether he blundered into it on the assumption that these | TURING the last few years nations would not fight—this would there has been more public help toward an estimate of Ger- discussion on the subject of many's real strength.

If Hitler deliberately chose war mutual destruction. dition to Poland, one might assume been represented as a particularly It can be so effective a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever a barrier than a barrier tha he counted on the material equip- been more efforts to make rules for hard pressed will use it; it will be But it it. ment of the Third Reich to carry it through. But if he blundered into could be used. it, relying on bluff to win the day, it was not on German strength but sons why it should inspire little fear on his own cleverness that he may Prof. J. B. S. Haldane yesterday. have relied.

Thus the recent disclosure by Relkichi Kita, member of the of the world, gathered at Geneva, forswore the use of all asphyxlating and blistering gases for evermore. Japanese House of Representatives, indicating Hitler did not believe The Governments of the world have Britain and France would fight, is extremely interesting. Mr. Kita Will this prove to be another? says that a Japanese industrialist think it will. who was invited to the Nazi rally at Nuremberg, but who decided because of the crisis to go immediately years. The campaign in Ethiopia to Stockholm, was urged in a note seemed to be at a standstill. Gas from Hitler to stay in Germany be- won.

cause there would not be war-It was not possible for the Allied Mussolini for his action, but from a diplomats, in direct negotiation with doing what any nation might do with Hitler, to know certainly whether its back to the wall-take the best he was really ready to face a major means to get away from it. war. Many assessed his boldness weapon, and no more inhuman than as bluff. Some appear to have felt anything else that is designed by that at the last moment, Hitler man for the mutilation or destruction began to realize what he was up of his fellow man.

It does not do the former and it against but decided to go shead comparatively rarely does the latter. even into general war. Mr. Kita's But it may put quite a lot of men report, supporting the views of out of action for quite a long time. those who believe Hitler blundered, the blistering gases. Except for the helps also to explain why he risked element of surprise among troops unthe Russian partnership. Had that prepared to meet then, asphyxiating last gigantic bluff worked, Hitler day. might have had Poland and peace— They are volatile and a slight his kind of peace, a spectacular breeze quickly blows them away. victory over the western democracles and some gains at the ox- phyxiating gases only add another to panse of the Soviet, granted un- the many discomforts of war. wittingly by Stalin's own hand. But if somebody blundered, it

SONNET ON PRAYER

Be not alraid to pray-to pray is

Pray, if thou canst, with hope; but ever pray. Though hope be weak, or sick with long delay;

Pray in the darkness, if there be no light. Far is the time, remote from hu-

man sight, When war and discord on the carth shall ccase; Yet every prayer for universal

Avails the blessed time to ex-What'er is good to wish, ask that

of Heaven, Though it be, what thou canst not hope to see: Pray to be perfect, though material leaven Forbld the spirit so on earth to

But if for any wish thou derest not pray, Then pray to God to cast that wish away.

—Hartley Coloridge.

FACTS TEN

ing Russian Empire in three stages

Nurmi, the runner?

8. Asiatic in origin, they moved from the Volga in the eighth century. They are related to the Estoni-

The improbability of its use against last war.

the civilian population, and the rea-

If it is, were very clearly shown by

But the professor said nothing as

to its use on the field of battle.
In 1925 the principal Governments

forsworn many things that they have

Already one nation-Italy-has

Many hard things were said of

Gas in war is a very valuable

Since modern armies hre provided

with gos-mask, it means that as-

Gas, therefore, appears as a valuable aid to defence. It is possible to

used gas in war during the last few

subsequently done.

BEHIND THE WAR NEWS

gas in warfare than on most lay gas in front of a weakly held

Knocked 1/5th Hitlers

by H. C. FERRABY, Daily Express Naval Reporter

1. Tactics

and swastikas are much in evidence, nunt for the Golden such selves under such weight of fire prisingly bad? The answer is in although the Government is a Social battleships, those of us who reselves under such weight of fire prisingly bad? The answer is in Democratic-Agrarian coalition.

The Germany succession, the Germany succession and the coalition of the prisingly bad? The answer is in the coalition of the grant succession and the grant 4. The country is governed by a have feared that the Germans few salvoes.

President (elected for six years), a might have the luck to eateh President (elected for six years), a maye reacted the luck to catch It didn't work out that way. The British tactics seem to Council of State, and a Diet of 200. might have the luck to catch It didn't work out that way. The British tactics seem to

Graf Spee class 670 4,020 12,060 At that stage gunners of the

Then again, in withstanding an

themselves, and as night a front can

HEN the first whis- 100lb, shell, and the amount of

ship to be at that time) and sers' gun range is some 18,000 the Graf Spee about so badly 2. Backed by German troops, she then later that she had been yards, which is well inside the without being smashed up themfinally won her independence by sunk, I saw nothing im- 30,000 yards of the German selves is a feat that takes some crushing a Communist revolt in sunk, I saw nothing im- abin. The crusiness could not be be better than the same though the crushing a communist revolt in sunk, I saw nothing im- 30,000 yards of the German selves is a feat that takes some

1918.

3. Finland has been friendly with
Germany since. Coloured shirts
and swastikas are much in evidence,
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Council of State, and a Diet of 200. Hingh the cour searching light The gunnery of the Germans have been modelled on those of 5. Finland was the first country to some of our searching light The gunnery of the Germans have been modelled on those of 5. Finland was the first country to give votes to women under a shortlived self-government constitution granted by the Czars in 1007. They still have them.

6. Finns are mainly Lutheran for the German Navy might precede the captingtion of the raiders.

6. Finns are mainly Lutheran for the captingtion of the raiders. 6. Flans are mainly Lutheran the German May the raiders.

Protestants. Their other religion is the extinction of the raiders.

Protestants. Remember Paavo

The fear was reasonable. battle the only ship engaging for hours on end with slow, constitution of the start of the start of the steady hammering at the enemy for hours on end with slow, constitution of the start Nurmi, the runner?

7. They are also one of the best Consider the gun power of the the Graf Spee was the Exeter.

lbs. lbs. lbs. one ship to unsettle them.

Someone Blundered

If we long Germany can wage war, and with what prospect of success, is a question exercising the talents of government experts in land and Wales).

Ans and Hungarians.

Oraf Spee class 670 4,020 12,000

At that stage gunners of the directions to worry both Archilles class 100 800 8,000 skill of those who fought under three directions to worry both Archilles class 100 Admiral von Spee at the battle Exeter class, 250 1,500 7,500 Admiral von Spee at the battle to the coast on the country's many lakes and rivers. Minerals are scarce, there is no coal.

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can crawl forward to cut it.

PLEASE Turn To Page 3.

At the beginning of the war Germany's battle fleet conslated of the three pocket battleships Graf Spee, Admiral. Scheer, and Deutschland, and the battleships Scharnhorst and Gneisenau.

any of our cruisers. The crushing battleship named after that. effect of one 670lb. shell is so admiral were not worthy of their

per reached me that damage done by one greater than But the battle was a remarkthe Achilles was in that by six of the British shells able triumph for the gunnery 1. A Swedish colony for 500 years, action with the Admiral one spot 1. A Swedish colony for 500 years, action with the Admiran one spot.

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cruisers adopted.

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have already told us of damage to the superstructure and the bridge of the Graf Spee. But that is superficial damage, and would not of itself explain her decision to seek shelter in the of the time. In the same way men neutral harbour. Yet her armoured sides should have been Shell fire can flatten wire, and that sufficient to resist shells of the is the main purpose of a barrage calibre that were fired at her. before an advance against a degas in warfare than on most my gas in front of a wearly sector so that troops may be confiended position. Tanks largely came She is reputed to have had armother aspects of the science of centrated in front of another sector, into existence to overcome wire. For some reason it has always offensive, gas is an effective parrier, disadvantages. It is thus in defence a dropping from a great height), been represented as a particularly It can be so effective a barrier that I much more valuable aid than ever dropping from a great height), and her gun turrets had seven-But if its chief use is defensive, it inch armour. Either British its use than there have been to unable to overcome the temptation. can also play a part in an offensive, shells to-day, even of medium abolish the circumstances in which it To a large extent it will take the particularly in open warfare. Troops To a large extent it will take the particularly in open warfare. Troops calibre, are a vast deal more place that barbed wire held in the advancing on a sector can protect powerful them we have over In laying wire, men have to expose their flanks by contaminating the powerful than we have ever the pocket battleships is nothing like as formidable in defence as we have been led to believe.

be, and probably will be, lit up most By Lichty GRIN AND BEAR IT



"Hmmm-she looks too young to be his daughter-she must be

2. Strategy

The strategical disposition of the British forces in the South Atlantic to deal with the problem of the raiders has been justified by the event.

It has always been obvious to the student of naval warfare that if the raiders were to do any damage it could be done only at the focal points, those areas of the sea into which merchant ships must come as they approach or leave the harbours. They might roam the open space for weeks on end, as they have done, without catching more than an occasional freighter.

Our covering forces did not need to roam the seas wildly looking for them. Sooner or Inter they must venture into the areas where shipping was to be found. The mouth of the River Plate and a hundred miles to seaward of it is a vital focal point. There are several othersin the South Atlantic. There are several in the Indian Ocean. There and thereabouts was the place in which our patrols were most needed. And precise-

ly off the River Plate the Graf

Spee runs straight into some of

PURGES ARMY

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .- Stalin is "purging" Red Army leaders connected with the Finnish campaign, according to Paris-Rad's.

In a broadcast last night, the French official radio station claimed that three Soviet generals and six other leading Red Army officers have been shot by the O.C.P.U. (secret police) as a result of the setback suffered in Finland.

Reas Raids Vass Finnish

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—To-day has been another day of mass air raids in southern Finland. More than fifty bombs were dropped on Tampere

(Tammerfors) and Abo, but little damage was done. In Abo most of the bombs fell in the working class area, wounding several persons. There were, however, no fatalities. One person was killed and one was wounded in Tampere.

Helsingfors was again raided,

Once again no bombs were dropped

Later some "bombphlets" were

A correspondent reports that 42

Civilians Machine-Gunned

The Soviets lost 23 machines.

An official Finnish statement says

One of the other main targets for

A.R.P. In Helsingfors

New air-raid precautions are an-

All motor-cars must be painted

Attacks In Waves

While the Russians continued to

Viborg particularly is suffering

The Soviets have launched wave

after wave of violent attacks against

the Mannerheim Line so far with

The intense cold is enabling Soviet

Such operations, however, must be

Finnish planes are constantly on

the look-out and mobile patrols are

A few well-directed bombs on the

Latest reports from the Salla front

days ago when they were nearly

Suvanto Battle

A communique states that a fur-

It is claimed that eight tanks were

Official Communique

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27. (UP)

The Russians are still trying to

A further Russian altack along the

In the middle of each cocked hat

now appears a Red Size.

HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Arrivals from Tallinn

have an amusing story to tell of the puppet government set up

by the Soviets at Terijoki, which calls itself the "Finnish

The puppet government has now sacked and the toy army is now

got its own toy army. Unfortunately the early eighteenth century.

the army has no uniforms of its own The costumes are worn exactly as and the Soviets are too busy fighting they were 200 years ago, with one

the Finns to be able to provide them exception."

The museum was accordingly raif-

with any.

People's Government", although it has few people to govern.

half-way across the "walst," .

always in readiness to be rushed to

effected swiftly owing to the vulner-

ability of the troops on the lee.

little, if any, success.

attempt to cross the ice.

menaced spots.

picked up. These called on the

the alarm lasting for two hours.

reported on the outskirts.

Soviet during Christmas.

AID FROM ALLIES

Other towns were also raided.

Russo-Finnish Conflict May Soon Spread

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PARIS, Dec. 27 (Domei).-The Allies are understood to be that in many cases the planes flew pushing preparations to extend civilians. military and financial assistance to Finland.

It is understood that the Soviet airmen is Viborg, which is only Allies are also ready to assist about 20 miles behind the Manner-Sweden and Norway if Soviet Viborg has not only been bombed pressure is extended to them. from the air but Soviet artillery is Informed quarters state that Allied shelling it from a range of over 25 assistance to Finland will be made on miles. a larger scale, both militarily and Fortunately the bulk of the civilian

population evacuated some time ago Meanwhile, the tardy progress in and most of the remaining civilians the Soviet military operations in have now also left the city. Finland is reported to have encouraged Balkan nations to revive their attempts to form a Balkan nounced in Helsingfors. neutral bloc. Similar efforts ended white so as to make them difficult to in a failure about a month ago. Rumania is reported to be deter- be seen from the air against the mined to resist both Soviet and Ger- snowy background, and for the same

reason pedestrians out on foot during the raids must carry white sheets man pressure. Scandinavian Aid LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— which can be spread over themselves More help for Finland is being sent. when Soviet machines come down to A Danish ambulance unit of 130 machine-gun civilians. beds arrived on the central Finnish

front to-day. The wife of the Finnish Minister hammer the left wing of the Mannerto Britain announces that the appeal helm Line, they were using heavy for comforts for Finnish soldiers has artillery all along the Karelian Front, sending shells over the Finnish fortimet with a wonderful response. fications to objectives behind the

-U.S. Donial-----SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP).-State Department denied bombardment by these heavy guns London reports that the United which are estimated to be operating States intends ordering Americans to some 25 miles away. leave Russia and will then sever diplomatic relations with the Soviet Government.

Purchases In U.S. WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP) .-- A tanks and artillery to cross the frozen Finnish Mission has opened negotiations for the purchase of the latest type of American trench mortars, anti-tank guns, together with sizeable supplies of munitions.

OBITUARY

Mr. Augusto de ice discouraged more than one Soviet Figueiredo declare that the Russlans have retreated altogether 50 miles from their most advanced point of ten

Prominent Portuguese Resident

After an illness of almost a year, ther Russian attempt to cross Lake Mr. Manuel Augusto de Figueiredo, Suvanto was folled but that a new well-known member of the Portu-attempt has begun. guese community, passed away this The battle continues. morning at his residence, 65 Waterloo

destroyed in the Karelian Isthmus The late Mr. Figueiredo was 63 and eight were captured in other years of age, and in his early days parts of the front.
was a keen sportsman. He had been The Russian air attacks, on the connected with Messrs. Shewan, whole, have caused insignificant Tomes and Co., both in Canton and damage to military objectives but Hongkong, and subsequently with the several civilians were killed and Green Island Cement Company, with wounded. which concern he had been for a great number of years. He was an old member of the Club Lusitana, and as a mark of respect the flag of The official Finnish communique that institution is flying at half-mast states that the Russians yesterday He is survived by his widow, son, launched an attack at noon north of daughter-in-law and

Lake Latiniahti but were repulsed. The funeral takes place to-day, cross the Suvanto River. cortege passing the Monument at 5.30

MONGOLIAN REVERSES

Admission By Military Spokesman In Peiping

PEIPING, Dec. 27 (Reuter). _Admissions made by the Japanese military spokesman today show that the Japanese troops in Inner Mongolia were hard pressed by the recent Chinese offensive.

The Japanese casualties in the fighting around Pactow totalled a hundred dead, including a full Colonel.

At one time the Chinese gained a foothold in the north-western part of the city but, said the spokesman, were subsequently driven out with heavy

For a time the railway between PLANES, OVER ENGLAND Kweihua and Kalgan was interrupted, the Chinese apparently succeeding in advancing to the outposts of Kweihua before being driven back.

The Chinese forces are led by General Fu Tso-yi, former Governo of Sulyuan Province.

Heavy Japanese Losses

BPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" chungking, Dec. 27 (UP).—It is officially reported that between December 1 and 25, as the result of simultaneous Chinese attacks on all fronts, the Japanese casualties totalled 100,000, including 43,800 killed. The Chinese military spokesman denied the Japanese allegation that within the city, although one fire is the Chinese winter offensive was frustrated due to the fact that the Chinese have not yet commenced a big scale drive to disrupt the Japan-Finns to join their "Russian friends." ese communications. He said the Chinese attacks along the Yangize civilian centres were bombed by the throughout the year resulted in a weekly average loss of two Japanese

Anglo-Chinese Discussions Attempt To Dispose

Of Controversies LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter). _A special commentary issued to-day states that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr, the British Ambassador, who will reach Chungking in the next few days on one of his periodical visits, will discuss current questions with the Chinese Government, including the various suggestions for a solution of the Tlen-

tsin issues. No agreement on these issues has yet been reached between the British

and Japanese Governments. The "Asahi Shimbun" statement that "everything depends on the British attitude" is manifestly in- man bomber was attacked with the world cheering rather than opdepends upon the views of the as he dived towards it. Japanese and Chinese Governments.

It is, of course, the object of the Ambassador's visit to Chungking to obtain-if-possible, the consent of the Chinese Government for some reasonable arrangement which will dispose of this troublesome question. Kerr For Chungking

SHANGHAI, Dec. 28 (Reuter),-It is authoritatively stated that Sir Archibald Clark Kerr is leaving for of bursts find their mark on each which she was too weak to win for Chungking on Saturday, accompanied Dornier, both being damaged and herself. by Lady Kerr.

This is the Ambassador's second visit to Chungking since the outbreak of war in Europe.

Mayor's Fund Now £899,000

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wireless).-During the Christmas Holidays, the Lord Mayor's Red Cross Fund increased by £3,000 to £809,-

Taipale River was repulsed, the communique claims. To the northeast of Lieksa the enemy are retreating to the frontier

in the direction of Divisora, where the Finns are advancing. In yesterday's air raids on South Finland four civilians were killed and several wounded at Kotka. The total casualties for all raids has not

been stated. Eight enemy tanks were destroyed to the north of Lake Latjalahti where an enemy attack was repulsed. Soviet Air Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" , HELSINGFORS, Dec. 27. (UP)) --The Russians dropped 50 bombs on R.A.F. casualties. Turku with unknown results: 15 on the town of Tampere, and on undetermined number of bombs on the guns in the neighbourhood of Paris from all parts of the Empire and town of Hameenlina in south central were in action yesterday against an British communities in foreign

An air-raid alarm was sounded in Helsingfors at 12.45 p.m., when heavy Paris and was over in about 20 explosions were heard, presumably minutes. from bombs, but possibly from the coastal artillery which was heard for to the southeast. There was some anti-nircraft firing in Helsingfors buil no bombs were dropped and the all clear algrial was given at 2 am: The Russians also bombed Honko.

Despatche from Finnish arullery less) .- The Y.M.C.A. expects to have headquarted at Ravaniemi my that spent half a million pounds before eight Russi planes flew over the the end of February on the establish-

Results are not known at the mo-

no bombsewere dropped. has been sent out to capture the plane and its occupants.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, DEC: 27 (UP).--IT IS OFFICIAL-ANNOUNCED THAT ROYAL AIR FORCE PLANES TO-DAY BOMBED TWO GERMAN DESTROYERS AND ELEVEN GERMAN PATROL SHIPS. ONE OF THE LATTER WAS HIT.

It is also officially announced that two German submarines have been sunk by the French Navy in the last three weeks.

What were believed to be German planes were sighted over several coastal points in England to-day. They were presumably reconnoitring.

Two were seen at a great height over a Suffolk town. trailing white smoke. Hundreds of people watched third, which was flying over the Thames Estuary at a great height and laid what seemed to be a smoke screen and escaped.

It is recalled that a German plane was shot down in the same area on November 20 while laying a smoke screen.

FRENCH RAID ALARM

PARIS, Dec. 27 (UP).—A ten minute "air alert" alarm was sounded in northern France at 12.15 p.m., to-day.

Sea-Air Battle LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter). _R.A.F. planes had encounters with enemy air and surface craft in the North Sea.

One Dornier bomber was hit several times. Two enemy destroyers and four patrol vessels were attacked with

Later the same aircraft attacked seven more German patrol ships and made at least one hit.

Head-On Combats

One British aircraft encountered several hits with machine-gun Russian Army in Finland.

Another British aircraft was in a series of head-on combats with a moved on Russia with perhaps the second Dornier.

helr objective. hopes of the dreamer.
When a third Dornier came on the "Instead of an easy victory in the their objective. in a tight circle to bring a cross-fire Hitler blundered.

bear against their British opponent. of which is now definitely running This manoeuvre was broken by the against him. steadiness and accuracy of the Bri-

silenced. The attack against the destroyers and patrol ships was made close to the German coast, and the attack on the seven patrol ships was close to their base when the British pilot

made his dive attacks. The German ships put up a heavy fire against the aircraft, which nevertheless was not damaged.

Air Ministry Statement LONDON, Dec. 27 (UP).—The Air Ministry announces that a British coastal plane dive-bombed two German destroyers and four patrol vessels, and later bombed seven more

vessel which was seen to be dis-

The Air Ministry adds that a battle occurred between a British plane and German warships, one of a series of "minor encounters in the North Sea to-day between R.A.F. coastal command planes and the German air and surface craft."

Three Dornier planes were riddled

A.A. Guns Bark PARIS, Dec. 28 (Reuter).-A.A. Finland, where there are many unidentified plane flying high towards countries.

The air-raid plarm was sounded in

FRANCE

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wire-

town. The nir-raid was sounded but ment and equipment of red triangle centres for the B.E.F. in France, Kemijaery was bombed but the The centres, the first of which has damage has not yet been reported. recently been opened in one of the it is said that one raider was that great ports, will be at bases on the down and forced to make a landing lines of communications and in a small lake. A Finnish patrol forward areas, and the initiative has the approval of the Army Council

"MADE HITLER SICK" STALIN'S

REVERSES IN FINLAND

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" NEW YORK, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—The "World Telegram"

"It must make Hitler sick to a Dornler bomber and registered see what is happening to the

"It turns out that he could have second Dornier.
In the latter encounter, the Ger-Poland and with much of the rest of

"The dreams of 'Mein Kampf' could The bombs only narrowly missed have materialised even beyond the

scene, the two German aircraft flew direction he had at first planned, from the front and rear guns to "He chose a different war, the tide

"He gave Russia half of Poland tish gunner, who observed a number and control of the Baltie-prizes

> "The Red Army turns out to have been merely a false front, and the picture of vast Russian resources to defeat the British blockade seems to be a value hope.

"Hitler is likely to go down in history as its greatest blunderer."

Tripartite Trade Talks Held Up

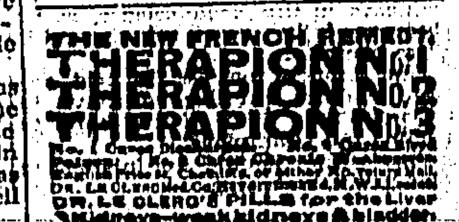
BERNE, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—Trade negotiations between Great Britain, patrol ships close to their base. The France and Switzerland have been pilot estimated that he made at least suspended, and the Swiss delegation has returned from Paris, according "The bomb fell on the stern of a to a wireless announcement to-night. The report submitted to the abled," he reported. All the RAF, Federal Council by the Swiss delegoplanes returned to their bases un- tion reveals that there were condamaged, despite heavy anti-aircraft siderable differences of opinion between the parties.

21,500,000 FAGS FOR TROOPS

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wireby machine-gun bullets and one was less) -The Overseas League anattacked by bombs. There were no nounces that since opening its Tobacco Fund, £21,500 has been collected, providing 21,500,000 cigarettes. Subscriptions are being received

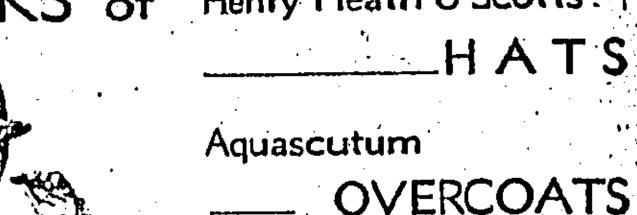
DEATH LEAP

Injuries sustained when he jumped from the second floor of the Tal Kam Sam tea house in Reclamation Street proved fatal for Liu Cheong-ngol, 35. Liu sustained internal injuries from which he died shortly after being admitted to hospital. The reason for his act is unknown.



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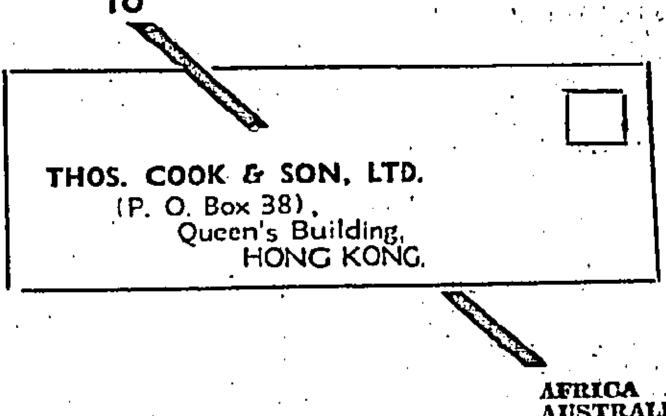
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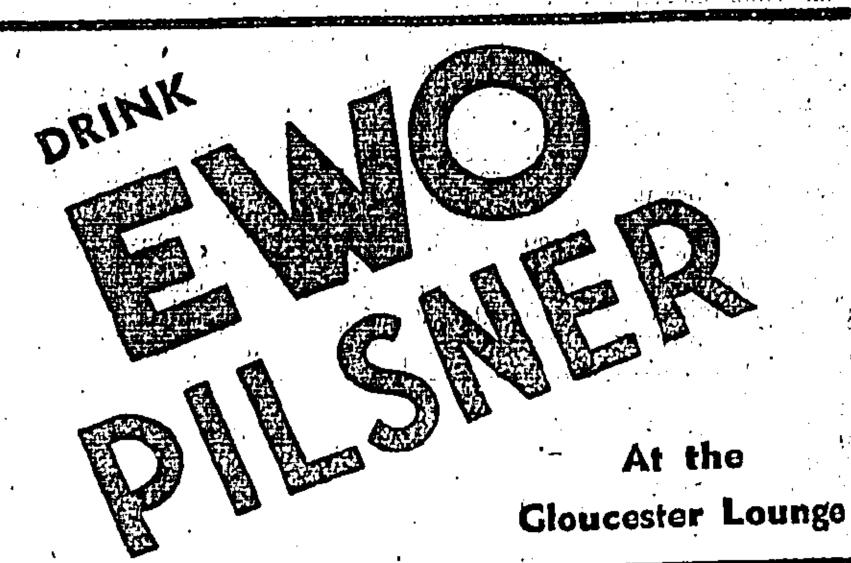
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New Year At Queen's & Alhambra I

"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

KHALSA SIKH XI IN ACTION

Recreio Deservedly Beat Nomads: R. Engineers' Test On Sunday Next

THERE WERE NO WOMEN'S league games last Saturday, but in a friendly played at the Y.M.C.A. ground, the "Y" Ladies gained an easy victory over the C.B.A. Ladies by five goals to one. The home team included four reserves in their line-up, and had the forwards taken their chances the score would have been doubled.

In a Tournament game last Sunday, Recreio beat the Nomads 2-0 on their home ground. On the same day the new Khalsa Sikh team was seen in action when they beat the C.B.A. 1-0.

Mrs. Gardner and Miss B. Harker, in the "Y" attack, combined cleverly, and Mrs. Burnett put in some good runs on the right wing. Mrs. Strange and Mrs. Stone, as usual, shared the bulk of the "Y" defence, but Miss Stokes, as pivot, also gave a useful display; with more experience she gives every promise of making a good half-back. Better team work was seen in the second half than in the first.

Playing without a goal-keeper, the C.B.A. defence had a gruelling time in the second half, and Miss Parsons, as a kicking back, sayed the side from a heavy defeat. However, the Wilking of the Wilking P. Everest and Mrs. Wilmott, fought pens gamely up to the final whistle, and many good movements by the "Y"

forwards were broken up. Mrs. M. White, who has only jus returned from a holiday in England, revealed fine stick-work at centreforward, and was the only live-wire in the visitors' attack. Mrs. Quick, the inside-left, worked hard but her passing was weak. Mrs. White will certainly be of great value as leader of the attack, but the C.B.A. are still in need of a goal-keeper.

IN a junior friendly encounter on the C.B.A. ground Argonauta and C.B.A. played a drawn game. C.B.A. fielded a players and had it not been for they were aggressive. Mendonca in goal, would have won comfortably.

balf, was the most outstanding player on the field, her play being taighly instructive.

C.B.A. as a team gave a very poor account of themselves. Aimless hitting, many stoppuges for minor in fringements, and far too much talk-ing, in which Miss J. Felshaw was and should the team maintain last then Lord Glanelly, who won £10,ting,-many-stoppages-for-minor-inthe chief sinner, was the order of the day. Miss Mackay, at right back, however, played a strong game, and Miss J. Crawford was always a trier in the attack.

criendly games, there must be greater attention paid to a definite plan if improvement is to be brought about.

IN a Tournament game played

United Services Soccer XI

The following have been

selected to represent United Services in a soccer match against the rest of the Colony at 4 p.m. on Monday, at the Ming Yuen. Navy ground, in aid of the B.W.O.F.—Robinson (Navy), Hill (Service Corps), Shee-Wilkinson (Middlesex); Phip-(Navy). Thorburn (Navy), Hossack (Royal Scots), Saw (Middlesex), (R.A.O.C.) Duffield serves. - Moxham $(R.E.)_{i}$ (Navy), Handy (R.A.O.C.), Pearson dlesex)

served to get home in a keen of the St. Leger he would probgame, the Recs had to go all out, ably have been one of the few and the result was in doubt until triple crown winners.

Miss Mathias was a speedy winger, check on his younger brothers in the victory. and Miss C. Xavier, inside left, did and Miss C. Xavier, inside left, did and work. Miss N. Silva, at centrethalf, was the most outstanding form, with young Z. Gosano taking front of J. Lawson, his nearest rivat. the lion's share in the last line of J. Lawson, his nearest rival. defence. He covered his brother, "Old Doc" splendidly—the latter on occasions suffered from lack of Next best to Lord Rosebery was

Sunday's form, there are very few 187 in twenty-four races. teams left in the Tournament to de-

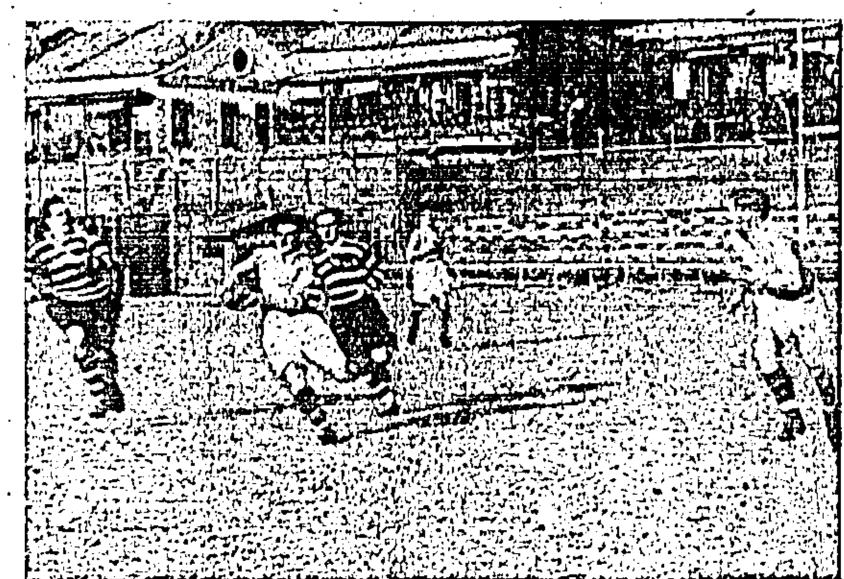
dominated territorially, whilst in the ners. Laughing and talking during a game shows lack of concentration, and should the C.B.A. ladies hope to the fence were inclined to get flustered to get flustered when pressed, and a little more cool-temprove by staging these so-called the covering would perhaps the covering the covering would perhaps the covering the coverin ness and covering would perhaps, The takings on the Derby, £61,608, have kept the score down. Beyond were a record for any one race. this, the defence played well, with R. J. Reed sharing many a keen tussle with his brother "W.A."

The return of S. A. Reed to the

on their home ground last attack improved matters consider-Sunday morning, Recreio beat ably, but again, the forwards in

Rugby Football

CLUB - "A"-POLICE DRAW



L/Bdr. Richards having cut in with the ball is about to pass to Cpl. seldom getting Turtner Dack Waite. G. C. Godfrey and B. O'M. Deane, of the Club, in close attent than the stand-off halves dance to Richards. The Club won this rugby match, in the Triangular Tournament last Saturday, by 12 points to 3, and thereby won the Cup.—

han (Middlesex): Freshwater (Navy), Blue Peter Wins £31,964 For Lord Rosebery

LORD ROSEBERY'S horse Blue Peter, unbeaten for Police, was likewise embarrassed, and when he did pass out Leslie had difficulty in fielding his wild passes. Taylor, on the Police wing, was a son which ended at Manchester. this year, won £31,964 in stake money in the flat racing season which ended at Manchester.

He made Lord Rosebery the leading owner of the season and Jack Jarvis the leading trainer.

And if the outbreak of war Nomads 2-0. Though they de- had not caused the cancellation

He had already won the Two depleted team, and Mendonca of N. Beltrao scored two splendid Thousand Guineas, the Derby and La Salle College appeared for goals in the first half, in which the the Eclipse Stakes. the home team in goal. The Gosano, did most of the attacking. Portuguese were the better And when they got into their stride, total was £38,464 with his horses in

W. A. Reed, as pivot, was a tower | And he gave both Lord Rosebery of strength, and kept too brief a and Jack Jarvis their first Derby

Horses under the care of Jack

For the thirteenth time in fourteen years Gordon Richards became Nomads, in the second half, pre- the champion lockey, with 155 win-

Diocesan Boys. Beat La Salle

In a friendly cricket match yester-day, Diocesan Boys' School beat La Salle College by 34 runs. La Salle College scored only 18 White three for two), while Dioceson Arculli five for 16, L. D'Almada five

for 29),

THE new Khalsa Sikh team defeated a weak C.B.A. team through Lewis and Boussield. Navy "A" 9 R.A.M.C. 5 1-0. Several well-known players It was not until near the end of from the Radio, Police and Army are included in the team, and once this the first chukker that the AFTER BEING in arrears at the new combination gets going they Stooges reduced the score to 2-1. should give a very good account of themselves in friendly fixtures.

C.B.A. fielded a depleted side, and brilliant backhand shot. though they were hard-pressed, V.

kunpoo, the Royal Engineers when Nicholson scored again. will be given their first severe test in the H.K.H.A. Tourna-ment, when they meet the Radio and Postal Sports Club, who are the Radio that the Bousfield, Major P. S. Whitehead (two chukkers) the process of the Radio test in the H.K.H.A. Tourna-bloom, Capt. A. Lewis, J. K. points.

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Carter, I believe, will be seen at left back in the Radio defence, as he has now fully recovered from his

The Sappers possess the best re-

In Last Five Minutes

Try Scored

(By "Fly-half")

YESTERDAY EVENING the Club ground, the Police just managed to save the day through a late try scored by Dempsey after being 3 points down until in the last five minutes.

The game was essentially one between the two hard working packs, with the ball seldom getting further back through slow heeling and quick breaking up of the forwards.

Wheeler was outstanding in the Police pack, which did extraordinarily well in foot rushes, and gave
Thomson no time in which to get the
ball out to Charter. The result being that Charter had either to make
a swift kick to touch or break away on his own.

seldom in action, and generally found himself crowded out, with a kick to touch his best move.

Wall was again in splendid form for Police, and dealt with every ball to the best advantage. Walkden, who also turned out at full-back for the Club, was instrumental in holding up numerous dribbles by the Force.

.POOR HANDLING

VAN LEEUWEN was in action on Club's left wing more than Lavalle. The latter received few good passes from Taylor, whose handling was poor, although he in turn received few good plases. Reynold, of Police and opposite Van Leeuwen, although seldom seen in attack, was kept busy in keeping the bustling Van Leeuwen

don grass-court champion, and In the lincouts Stout dld well for a finalist at Wimbledon in 1937, Club, and had more success than when she was beaten by Miss | Dempsey, Police expert in this department. Any advantage that Stout gained was generally set-off by the good marking of the Police eight, which got round to present a quick

> In the set scrums, Salter hooked well, but only to find that his men were shoved off the ball or else good scrumming by the heavier and hardworking Police pack prevented a quick clean heel. Burford worked hard at wing forward for Club, especially in winstigating wheels.

SCORELESS HALF

AFTER A SCORELESS first half, Charter kicked ahead a ball which did not rise and caught the Police back division going in the wrong way. He followed up and scored well out. Castleton failed with the

In the closing minutes of the game, from a loose scrum on the Club line, Dempsey dived over to score after he World Workers by 4-2 in the had smuggled the ball from A. Taylor, of the Club. Wall just failed Dr. J. A. R. Selby refereed and the teams were:

Club.—A. F. Walkden; R. M. Lavalle, A. J. G. Taylor, C. F. Needgeneral lacked attacking skill. P. Mrs. Peters, wife of Com- ham and H. Van Leeuwen; J. C. Charter and J. M. Thomson; P. F. Rull and B. Xavier, however, formed a most dangerous combination. Play modore A. M. Peters, pre- Wanklyn, K. W. Salter, E. W. Stout; was fast and interesting—the Nemads sented the prizes at the con- B. Hynes, R. G. Castleton; W. Bur- were again beaten by better for- sented the prizes at the con- ford, L. A. Benn and W. Stoker. Police.—Wall; Reynolds, Jenner, Jackson and D. H. Taylor; Leslie and Luscombe; Wheeler, Searle, Rose; Cullinan, Innes; Lewis, Dempsey and

Some little while after the com- Army Medical Corps by , 9 points. mencement of the second chukker, (three tries) to five (a goal) at Lt. Bax, at full-back, Mld. Teare,

Medicals opened their account with a very good try by Wigglesworth their fly-half, who forced his way through after side-stepping Tel. Paul and Lt. Bax. He also added the goal

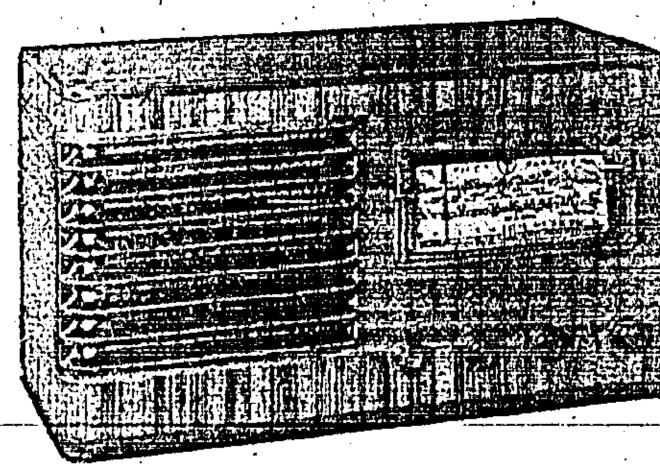
. The second half was very much a repetition of the first, although Tel. Paul reduced Navy's arrears with a smart unconverted try in the left corner. Mno. Jeffries, who played a hard game in the Nayy back-division, gave them their second try, but falled The following will represent the liong- gave them their second try, but falled bong Crieket Chib 2nd XI egains the to add the goal-points, and in the

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cord to date, but they will have to kowloon C.C. 2nd XI on Saturday at Kowloon closing stages Navy placed the issue subdue the champions.

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Final

Polish Tennis Star

Now A Waitress

A REPORT from Warsaw

that Mile. Jadwiga Jedrze-

jowska, Poland's leading lawn

tennis player, and a number of

other prominent Polish sporis-

men and women, are working as

waiters and waitresses in

Mile. Jedrzejowska was Lon-

Fears had been expressed for

the safety of Mile, Jedrzejowska,

She was in Warsaw a week -before the German-Invasion, and -

it was believed that she was

still there when the city was

bombed and shelled,

restaurants.

Round.

THE STOOGES beat the (L. D'Almada, 3, Burch four for two, final of the Royal Artillery to convert from mid-way out. Boys totalled 52 (Macauley 34, Cup Polo Competition yesterday at Boundary Street. clusion of the game.

The World Workers opened in was seen in action for the overwhelming style, and inside Riddell. first time last Sunday when they seven minutes had scored twice Colson levelled the scores with a Causeway Bay resterday.

though they were hard-pressed, V. Bond, N. Whitley and G. Fowler were always in the picture.

The Stooges took the lead in the O'Riordan and Sio. Gallagher, the halves, were the pick of the Navy side, Gallagher being outstanding in his tackling and efforts to get his level again, the fourth and deciding threequarters away. their home ground, at Soo- goal came during the final chukker,

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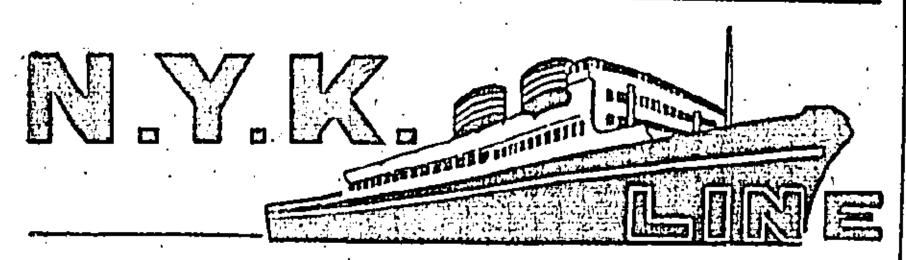
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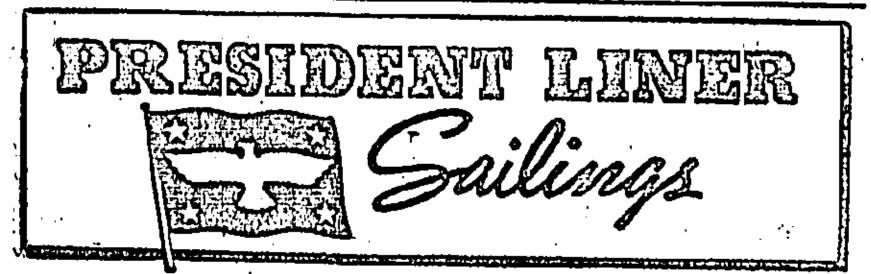
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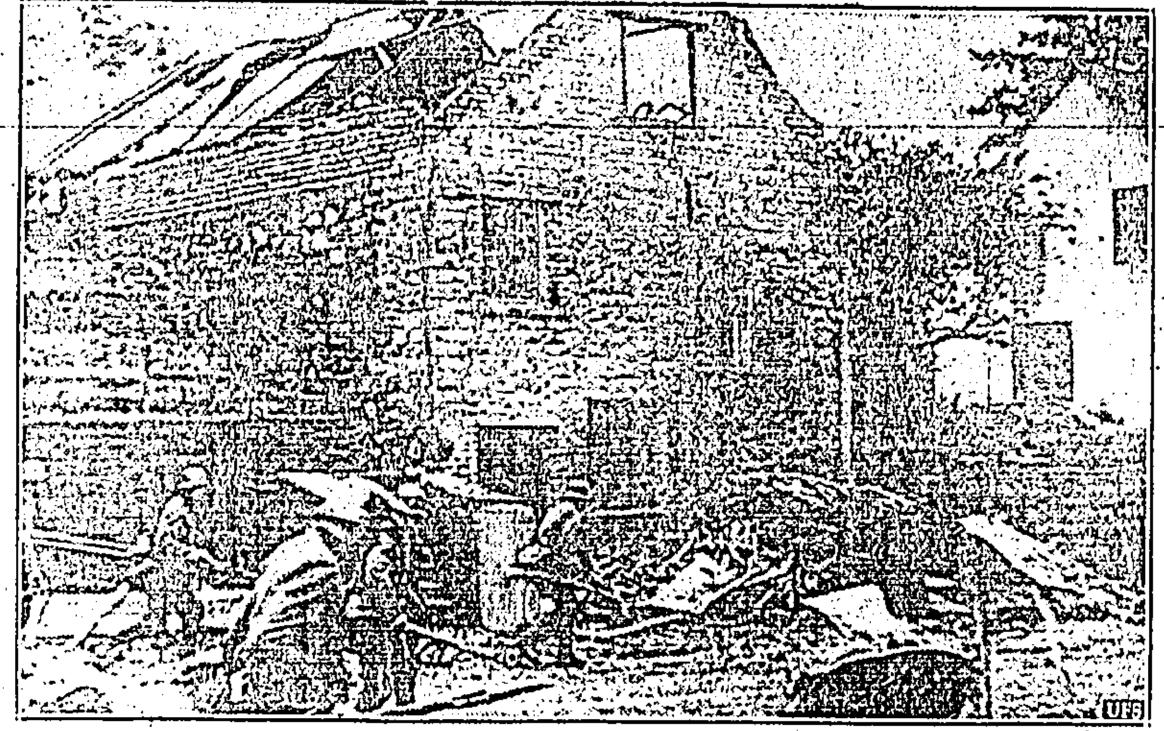
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1,30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weaher Forecast and Announcements

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1.45 "Faix" Waller (Plano and Organ), His Rhythm and Adelaide Hall (Vocal).

2.15 Close down.

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5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing Ideal Stock Quolations. 6.47 The Hill Billies. Than's Gold In Dem Thar Hils, Headin' Home, Take Ma Boots Off When Ah Dies, Ole Fallhful.

8.45 Studio—Talk by Dr. P. S. Moon'), Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone)
Selwyn-Clarke, Director of Medical with Piano, Valse Blue (Margis),
Services, "Campaign against Tuber—Tesoro Mio—Waltz (Becucei) Or-

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather 11.0 Close down. Report and Announcements. 8.03 Moszkowski—From Foreign Lands—Sulte. Berlin State Opera CROWN LAND AUCTION Schmalstich.

D'Aquino (Tenor) with E. O'Neil Shaw at the Plano. Il Sogno ("Manon"-Massenet), Addio Mignon ("Mignon"—Thomas), Che Gelida Two lots of Crown land to be used Manina ("La Boheme"—Puccini), solely as garden lots were sold by Pescatore Canto (Tosti), Luna Works Department yesterday, d'estate (Tosti).

8.45 Studio-"News Notes from Horno" A talk. 9.05 Reginald Foor at the Organ.

E Minor, Op. 95 ("The New World"). The Royal Albert Hall Orchestra conducted by Sir Landon Ronald. 10.04 Songs by Nan Maryska (Soprano). Standchen (Serenade) (R. Strauss), Morgen (To-morrow) (R.

Strauss) 10.14 Violin Solos by Ychudi Menuhin, Caprice In G Minor, Op. 1, No. 6 (Paganini-Enesco), Songs My Mother Taught Me (Dvorak-Persinger), La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin (Debussy-Hartmann), Allegro (Flocco), La Capricciosa (Ries).

10.30 Lawrence Tibbett (Barlione)
in a Light Orchestral Concert Tango Habanera (Payan, arr. Hartley),

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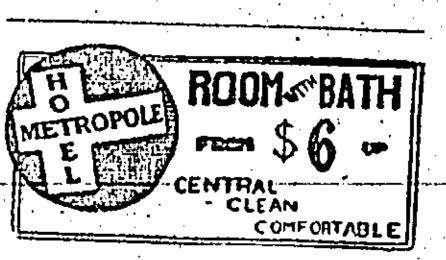
Caucasian Chief (from 'Caucasian Sketches'—Ippolitov-Ivanov), Joseph Museunt and His Concert Orchestra. Wanting You (film 'New Moon'), Lover, Come Back To Me (film 'New Moon'), Lover, Come Back To Me (film 'New Moon'). Lawrence Tibbett (Baritone). The chestra Bascotte.

8.15 Studio—Recitat by Gaston Two Garden Lots Sold At P.W.D. Office

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With an area of 18,300 square feet, a lot on Mount Cameron Road, adjoining rural building lot No. 419, 9.15 London Relay-News Sum- was sold to Mr. E. Ott, care of the Credit Foncier, at the upset price of 9.25 Dyerak-Symphony No. 5 In \$915. The annual rental is \$42.

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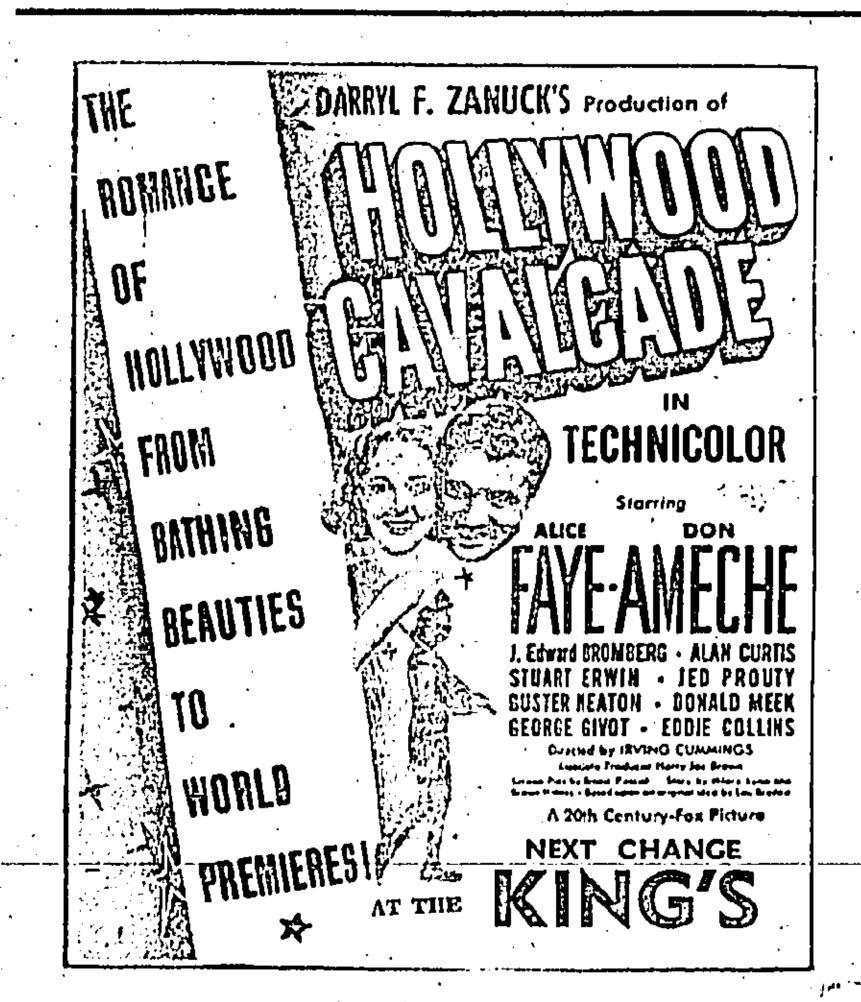
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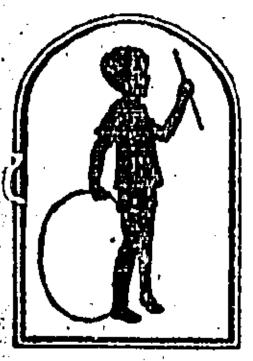




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costume can be found in the average household. The handsome Sheikh has his face stained brown (sun-tan make-up or a weak solution of iodine), and a black wool or

burnt-cork beard. His costume is a towelling bath-robe or dressing-gown, sashed with any vivid scarf.



Equally effective for either sex: Russian costume.

Head-dress is a sheet secured round the head with heavy cord and wrapped round the neck. Another sheet or a blanket or rug makes the cloak.

He wears beach sandals or bedroom slippers on bare feet.

A young and slender girl will plan her Bridge Table costume as illustrated. Owners of less lovely limbs will prefer a full-length skirt. In the former case a black jumper, in the latter a plain black dress is the basis, and it is sown with cards, the and it is sewn with cards, the various sults cut out in felt, and (if available) pierced coins. The apron, a piece of green baize as used for cutlery canteens, is similarly decorated.

- Cards are attached to a plain headband for the crown and bridge-markers are hung from include at least one shoe, its heel the waist.

similar one can easily be devised pictures or shapes cut from felt,



Bridge Table costume. Suitable for the young

for a man) is capable of variation according to individual fancy.

It is suggested that the head be draped with black or white material surmounted by a lampshade frame trimmed with artificial flowers or paper chains. Another wreath adorns the neck. A sheet makes an effective "cape" over a plain black even-

From the cord girdle hang an assortment of things (or cardboard_cut-outs;_these_should



Striking Surrealist dress for a woman.

decorated with a cutlet frill. The Surrealist costume (a . Stitch to the dress newspaper

> including a large "mouth" on the bodice. Wear, if you can find them, black cotton gloves. The Russian costume (good for either sex) is effective if it is done like this. Wear a man's white tennis shirt back to front; the collar should be stitched together and the points removed;

the tails are cut level. The shirt should blouse slightly over a vivid sash, preferably red. Choose wide trousers pyjama), and tuck them into Russian, Wellington or riding boots. The hat is easily made with a cylinder of cardboard made to fit the head and covered with black or white fur, cloth or felt,



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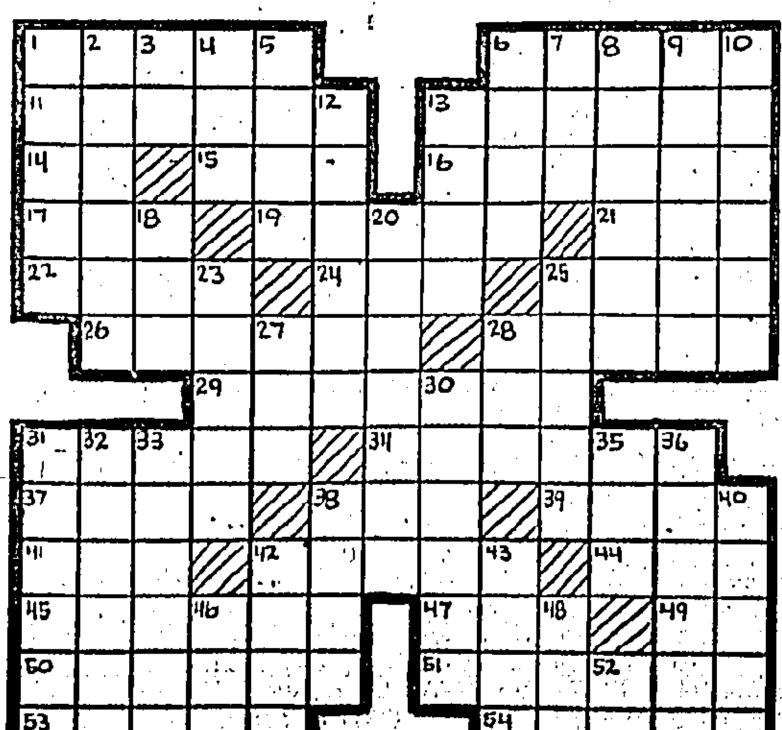
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25 YEARS AGO

Dec. 28, 1914. The "Temps" declares that the crisis has nothing to do with the suggested despatch of Japanese troops to Europe; on the contrary, diplomatic meetings and conversations are being very actively pursued for the armed intervention of the Japanese Army in Europe.

A high French military authority has given private expressions, says the "Mail", to the following views as to the probable duration of the war, his estimate being based on the bellef that the Germans will commit no great tactical error.

He divides the war into six periodstwo past, one present and three to

The first period was the advance Prussian Storm Troop detachments, had driving up Laichikok Road, and through Belgium into France. The plotted to selze Memel by violence and when nearing a right hand bend, de-

He entimates that the battle for ment servants, were murdered. Some the beginning of December. He as also, signs a period of five months to the Mo the beginning of December. He assigns a period of five months to the
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al driving licence and thought it was
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The third was entered by a New
York merchant for alleged damage longed to his mother who had left

until February, 1916. The final march to Berlin and nego-tiations for peace should bring the war to an end with the final withdrawal of the Allied armies of occupatlon In 1917.

Dec. 28, 1929.

The Japanese delegation to the London Naval_ Conference hended by the ex-Premier, Mr. Wukatsuki, arrived at Southampton from New York about to day carried out their first long route march.

The cheerful and friendly demeanour of the men, and their disciplined hearing are reported to have made an excellent impression on the local population. The Saar frontiers were closed to day and until after the Plebiscite only those foreigners will be admitted and the territory whose passworts have to the territory whose passworts have to the territory whose passworts have the content of the content of the men, and their disciplined hearing are reported to have made an excellent impression on the local population. The same frontiers were closed to day and until after the Plebiscite only those foreigners will be admitted to the territory whose passworts have the content of the men, and their disciplined bearing are reported to have made an excellent impression on the local population. The same foreigners will be admitted to the content of the men, and their disciplined bearing are reported to have made an excellent impression on the local population.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

Hongkong Stock Exchange official On reopening after the holidays the market displayed a welcome degree of stendiness. Buyers

	22113 510
H.K. Bank	\$1345
Docks	\$19.70
Providents	\$434
	\$16,90
Tramways	\$23%
Yaumati Ferries	•
Céments	\$10.60
Watsons	\$8.80
Entertainments	\$0.60
Constructions (old)	\$154
	Sellers
Telephones (old)	\$25
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Union Ins.	\$425
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Ipo Gold

in a subdued form. The strikes at several factories are still unsettled. Man. Ming Lane.

legitimate merchants are unable

Damaging, Effect

The shop's operations are said to

below the quotations given by the

Passed Car On Corner European Fined

C. L. Crampton, of Cumberland Road, was summoned before Mr. Maefadyen at Kowloon Magistracy this morning for passing a moving car on a corner in Castle Peak Road on December 3, and was fined \$20. Sub-Inspector Scrim said Mr. H. F. An admission that Memel Nazi Storm Old, of the Sanitary Department, Troop detachments together with the complained that while he was

ugacing on the Aisne, continuing and developing into the battle for Calain. The 120 accused are all Nazis, court—
The fourth and fifth period will be a German retreat and a battle on the Rhine. The sixth period will be the march to Berlin.

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Ernst Neumann, lender of the Nazi Unhappy party in Memel, was appointed Herr Hitler's deputy for the section. N.D.L. Captain The Battalion of the East Lancashire Regiment, stationed on the outskirts of Snarbrucken, to-day carried out their

\$253,587 Claims Against His Freighter

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MIAMI, Dec. 27, (UP).—The Japanese flag at the foremast. The to the territory whose passports have unhappy captain of the Nazi contains an error in fact; namely the delegation was greated by the Mayor. been specially vised. ment of his ship.

The creditors claim that the N.D.L. line, owners of the Arauca, have mulet them of considerable sums by seizing cargoes entrusted to their

against the Arauca is now \$253,587.

New Chief Justice For Mauritius

LONDON, Dec. 27 (British Wireless).—It is announced by the Colonial Office that the King has approved the appointment of Mr. J. I Devaux, Attorney-General at Trini- ticularly when there is not a division dad, to be the Chief Judge of Mau- to be had where it is wanted. ritius on the retirement of Sir G. E. Nairac. It is also announced that of offence, largely due to the element the King has approved the appoint- of surprise when it was first introment of Mr. George Graham Paul, duced. It was an aid to offence when Puisne Judge at Nigeria, to be Chief troops were unprepared to meet it. Justice of Sierra Leone, succeeding Mr. A. H. Webb, recently appointed Chief Justice at Tanganyika.

Industrial School Is Burgled

A thief entered the St. Louis Industrial School, West Point, on

morrow afternoon.

Epidemic Of Hand-Bag Snatching

TELEGRAPH

By Ernie

Many Women Robbed

with strong suspicion the motive behind the operation in the western Numerous cases of handbagg snatching were reported yesterday, district by the Japanese authorities here of a rice shop where the grain both on the Island and in Kowloon. i., selling at \$30 a picul compared with

The shop was opened about three walking in Wellington' Street when a weeks ago under the name of Tung man snatched her handbag and |Sing ("Oriental Prosperity") Com- |contents valued at \$44.50.

have a damaging effect on the rice the same place a little later, when a Manchurla Railway were discussed. trade in the entire area lince the thief took a handbar and contents to valued at \$3 from Mrs. Chan Choipurchase rice for sale at prices much wan, of 373 Shanghai Street

Street, was another victim. She was this year. Labour discontent is still manifest robbed of her handbag containing money and articles valued at \$14 in | Soviet proposals in connection with

Baradas, of 1 Fuk Lo Chuen Street, of a purse containing money and a pair of gold car-rings valued at \$15 in Shanghai Street.

MOUNTING DEBTS

More Writs Against German Ship Arauca

London, Dec. 27. three further suits for attachment shawan Road, Kowloon, and there have been filed against the German freighter Arauca, bringing the total

York.—Reuter Special.

Pan-American Belt

London, 26. Great Britain is considering the Pan-American protest against the alleged infringement of the Panama Declaration safety zones.

It is contended that the protest freighter Arauca, which fled into reference to the "sinking and detenreighter Arauca, which ned into the street to the strain, and detail s cruiser Orion, to-day accepted ships in Pan-American waters; they Tam Tit-yu, 32, canvasser, appeared another three suits for attach- have all scuttled themselves."- before Mr. Forrest at the Central United Press.

Released Men Leave

Montevideo, Dec. 27. Five British mercantile marine August 30 and December 15, hips.

Captains and 55 men who were freed Mr. C. A. S. Russ represented AtThe total amount of the claims from the Admiral Graf Spee have tar Singh, and Mr. C. d'Almada aplest in a British steamer.—Reuter peared for Tam. Sgt. Bentley re-

GAS AS A WEAPON

(Continued from Page 4.)

A well contaminated area may on occasions be worth a division-par-1 Gas in the last war was a weapon

After gas masks had become general it was more of a nuisance

than anything. Gas tactics were in their infancy. "In this war it will be a weapon of defence, and thus it will undoubtedly be employed eventually.

PRESIDENT RETIRES

Tuesday night and stole money and jewellery valued at \$124. A report of the theft has been made to the Poland, with his wife and daughter Police by Brother Grimshaw. from Rumania en route to Feiberg. The Imperial plane with London M. Moscicki will stay at Freiberg, mails which should normally have where he was once a professor at arrived in Hongkong to-day has been the University, as a private person delayed and will not arrive until to- for reasons of health only. United

Negotiations With Soviet Japanese Envoy Mas

Lengthy Interview SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Dec. 27 (Domei). ---An interview lasting four hours was held between Mr. S. Togoh, the Japanese Ambassador, and M. Molotoff, the Soviet Mrs. Smith, of 250 The Peak, was Foreign Commissar, in the Kremlin Palace, this afternoon.

The Japanese Ambassador called pany Station and has been selling Mrs. K. S. Yu, of 207 Wanchal on the Soviet Foreign Commissar at native rice to hundreds of coolies Road, was robbed of her handbag 5 o'clock. During the conversations and contents valued at \$13,00 when that ensued, it was understood that walking in Nathan Road near Hamil- the fishery question and the Soviet request for the payment of last A similar incident occurred near instalment of the price of the North

Diplomatic circles describe the conversations as "important" in view of the fact that the existing fishery Miss Grancau, of 4 Homuntin arrangement expires at the end of M. Molotoff explained in detail the

the settlement of pending questions. A pick-pocket relieved Mrs. It was understood that final decisions have not been reached at to-day's

The interview came to an end at

\$30 Fine For Keeping A Mui-Tsai

Acting on information received from the Anti-Muitsal Society, an official of the Secretariat for Chinese A message from Miami states that affairs visited a house in Cheung-

found a mui-tsai. second period was the Battle of the to take into the German fold this porMarne and the German retreat to the tion of Lithuania, was made by one of
Aisse. The third period is that of the the 120 accused to-day, a mas named taking Mr. Old's car, a bus came

Petroleum Company of London.

Your described as a student, appeared to such that of the the 120 accused to-day, a mas named taking Mr. Old's car, a bus came

Petroleum Company of London.

Kowloon Magistracy this morning

car to get through.

Summoned for driving without York-firm-represents—the expense—of was-10-years—old. Five years—later transporting sugar in two Hamburg—she was brought to Hongkong. The He stated that he had an internation—Amerika freighters which took re—girl did the usual sort of housework

York merchant for alleged damage longed to his mother who had left by water to paint brushes which her in his charge when she left were shipped in the German steamer Hongkong. The girl recognised de-Hamburg from Hamburg to New fendant as her employer.

EMBEZZLEMENT CHARGE

Employee Remanded

Charged with the embezzlement of sums totalling \$415.75, received on Magistracy this morning, when he was remanded for a week.

Tam is alleged to have embezzled the money on various dates between presented the Police.

Hearing was fixed for January 16 and 17 at 2.30 p.m. Bail of \$500 was



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Showing with WALTER WANGER'S

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Figures

Favourable Balance For

"Free China"

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reu-

According to these statistics, Cus-

invourable international balance of

\$33,645,000 (national dollars) while

Chungking's Adverse Balance

Chungking shows an adverse

Wenchow has a favourable balance

Smuggling Problem

CHUNGKING, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .-

In an attempt to halt the smuggling

Severe

Rocked Yesterday

in Asia Minor, although no report

The shock was so great that the

instruments in the observatories in

Italy and Switzerland were broken.

Four Hours' Shake

The earthquake, which lusted four

The disturbance began at 1 n.m.,

It is believed that the effects of

the disaster in other parts of Asia

hours was one of the most violent

in 3 years, according to a statement

Italy, Dec. 27.

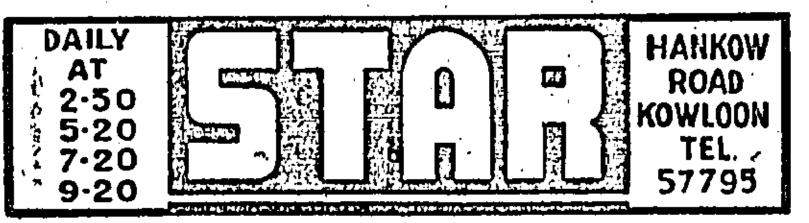
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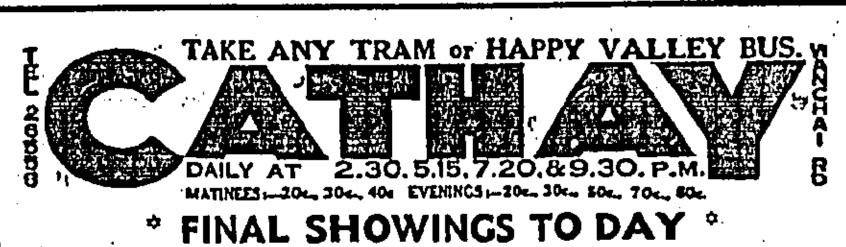
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Horse-Sense For B. E.F.

Indian Mules Going To France

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter). -Mules from India are now. joining the B.E.F. in France, proving again that no war military operations can safely be conducted without mules,

respondent. The mule will retain his indispensability whatever, the circumstances. It was frequently demons-trated in the last war that the mule could surmount all obstacles.

He was unequalled for packcarrying across country when shellfire had made the roads impassable.

"Old Soldiers"

The animals now arriving from India are old soldiers in every sense. during the month, making a total for They have served with screw guns in the North-West Frontier or in pack trains attacked by the mobile columns of Razmak or Wana.

columns can go anywhere and guns can be galloped into action and mounted in the wildest locations. Mules have enough sense to remain under cover until the time comes for them to take up their burdens again.

NAZI BAIT FOR THE SWISS

.GENEVA, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .---Several leading Swiss newspapers today earry an advertisement of a Berlin company, offering to sell various German patents to powerful enter-

behind these advertisements a German project for meeting the allied blockade of German exports by introducing the manufacture patented industrial products in neutral countries so that such products may be exported as neutral

It is also suggested that the Germans may hope to obtain in neutral countries certain raw materials necessary for the manufacture of these patented goods. These raw materials are no longer available in Germany.

BIG INFLUX OF GOLD TO U.S.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" WASHINGTON, Dec. 27 (UP) .--The Department of Commerce anto U.S. \$193,666,769, of which \$167,-088,345 came from Canada and is believed to represent transhipments from the United Kingdom.

proximately \$9,000,000 foreign gold | who were least able to afford it, and It is alleged that the Japanese has arrived on New York, reportedly Scandinavia, Switzerland, India, Egypt and Mexico.

The report says that 79 cases came from Bombay, 32 from Switzerland, 35 from Norway and six from Vera

Big Ammunition Theft In Dublin

Dublin was surrounded by a military cordon this morning as the result of the theft of a large quantity ammunition from a magazine Queen's Park.

Soldiers patrolled the streets and able. all vehicles were searched. Four men were arrested immediately the theft occurred. So far

ammunition has been recovered.

Totalitarianism In India

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27 (Reuter) .-The President of the All-India Liberal Federation sald that the greatest danger to democracy India was what he called the totalitarian spirit prevailing in Congress

and the Moslem League. In reference to the international situation, he said that India's safety depended on an intimate association with the British Commonwealth.

4,000-Year-Old Tomb In Scotland

EDINBURGH, Dec. 27 (Reuter).— An archaeological discovery of importance was made by Scottish workmen excavating in Dumbartonshire tain of the R.N.V.R.

They unearthed a stone coffin containing the skeleton of a man. Examination of the skull and bones shows the man to have been a stone-age man and he must be at least 4,000 years old.

French: Contraband .Seizures

PARIS, Dec. 27 (Reuler).-The French Controband Control brought sixteen vessels into harbour for examination during the week ending December 24. Forty thousand tons of mer-

chandise were seized. Since the outbreak of war the meet periodically in London or French Navy has brought 217 ships Stockholm to assist in the smooth into port and has seized a total of operation of the arrangements con-402,000 tons of merchandisc.

K.R.A. And Children's Bus Facilities OF SEASON TICKETS

The monthly meeting of the General Committee of the Kowloon Residents' Association was held in St. Andrew's Church Hall on Tuesday of last week, Major C. M. Manners, O.B.E., the President, being in the chair. Among those present were: Hon. Mr. L. D'Almada e Castro, Jr., Messrs. R. H. Wong, R. Baldwin, Li Chor-chi, I. N. Murray, R. Pestonji, D. O. Silver, B. Wylie, C. writes "Reuter's" military cor- E. Terry, Rev. Fr. A. Granelli and Rev. J. R. Higgs.

The President extended a welcome to Mr. Wylie on his return from home leave and expressed the pleasure of the Committee in seeing him back with

After the minutes of the previous meeting had been confirmed, the Hon, Treasurer's report was presented and approved. This showed, inter alla, that four new members had joined the year of 54 new members. Subscriptions collected to date amounted to \$648 and the credit balance of the Association was \$1,150.08.

Accompanied by the mule, transport | Correspondence dealt with includ- ter).—The Customs returns and ed letters to the Kowloon Tong figures for the first three quar-Garden City Association regarding the ters of 1939, both for "Free nuisance occasioned in Kowloon Tong China" and the occupied areas, by overhanging trees; to the D.A.A.G., were published in the Bank of China Command, in regard to a were published in the Bank of nulsance occasioned to residents in China's "Financial Review" tothe Jordan Road area; and to the day. Hongkong & Yaumati Ferry Co. and the "Star" Ferry Co. in regard to life- toms in "Free China" registered a saving appliances on ferries.

Schoolchildren's Bus Ticket In reply to a letter from the the figures for the occupied areas, in-Association asking for particulars of cluding the districts of Shanghai and the proposed alteration in children's Kowloon, show an unfavourable bus tickets the Kowloon Motor Bus foreign balance of \$405,115,000. Co, furnished full details of the pro- The adverse balance of interna-

tional payments in the Customs under They stated that, in view of Japanese occupation amounted to established facts and other evidence \$269,173,000, while that in the parts Industrial and Anancial quarters all pointing to the necessity of more of Shanghair and Kowloon, "which in Switzerland are wondering whe- control over the use of these privilege suffered more or less from Japanese ther there may not be concealed tickets they had decided, rather than interference" was estimated at to adopt the alternative of total \$155,942,000. cancellation of the issue of school children's tickets, to limit the number of rides to eight per day.

Consequently, instead of issuing one balance of \$1,533,000 while Pakhoi ticket as heretofore, a book of tickets and Mengize both record favourable with days of the month (Sunday balances of over \$13,000,000. omitted) printed thereon will be of over \$8,000,000 while Tientsin

The holder will be required to shows an adverse balance of nearly produce the entire book to the con- \$200,000,000 "owing to the large imductor for punching on each trip, and ports of Japanese goods into North four additional trips will be provided China." on the cover of the book to enable | Kinochow, Chinwangtao and Cheethe holder to travel for renewing the foo show adverse balances of \$45.ticket. These tickets would come 000,000, \$13,000,000 and \$12,500,000 into force on January 1st, 1940, and respectively. the Bus Company further stated that the sale of family school children tickets would be discontinued from that date.

Considered Adequate

of goods into "Free China" from the The proposed revised ticket was occupied areas, the Chinese Governthoroughly considered by the Com- ment has decided to establish special mittee and it was unanimously agreed inspection offices to keep a careful nounces that gold imports during the that the allowance of eight rides per check on all goods entering the war week ending December 20 amounted day was adequate even for children area, it is announced here to-day. who necessarily have to use two dif- During the past year, large amounts ferent routes. It was felt, however, of Japanese goods are said to have that the withdrawal of the family been smuggled into "Free China," ticket privilege would constitute a particularly through Hankow via It is unofficially reported that ap- | hardship to parents of large families | Ichang. it was therefore decided to deplore authorities are giving fuellitles to this cancellation and to request fur-smugglers for the transit of goods up ther consideration thereof by the Bus the river from Hankow for tranship-

ment into Szechuen Province. It was noted with pleasure that Large-scale smuggling is said to be additional rolling stock was expected depriving the Chinese Government of to arrive from England soon which considerable revenue and enabling should materially reduce the present the Japanese to push the sale of their congestion. In reply to a suggestion goods in China.

from the Association that the berths
at the Ferry Terminus should be numbered in proper numerical order, Theft in Dublin

the Bus Company pointed out that this was impracticable inasmuch as the longest Berths were necessarily assigned to routes carrying the largest and most buses. A plan of the lay-out was considered by the Committee and the Bus Company's explanation accepted as being correct and reason-

Street Watering

The question of street cleanging by means of watering was again brought about a quarter of a ton of stolen before the Committee. Reference was made to recent proposals this regard by the Hon. D. M. S. at an Urban Council meeting which failed even to secure a seconder. was unanimously agreed that the Association should renew its efforts, which have now extended over many years, to obtain the reintroduction of this much needed amenity.

made by the director of an obser-FOR KIDDIES

LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter),- with a violent vibration which Many British children benefited at damaged all the instruments. Christmas by the generous action of the wives of French scamen, The children were those of British Minor must have been vast.—United naval men who lost their lives in the Press. present war and each child received from four to five toys, which were sent in 12 large crates.

A similar gift was made by a member of the family of the Sultan of Zanzibar, who is an Honorary Cap-

These two generous actions have been much appreciated by the Royal Navy as well as by the children themselves.

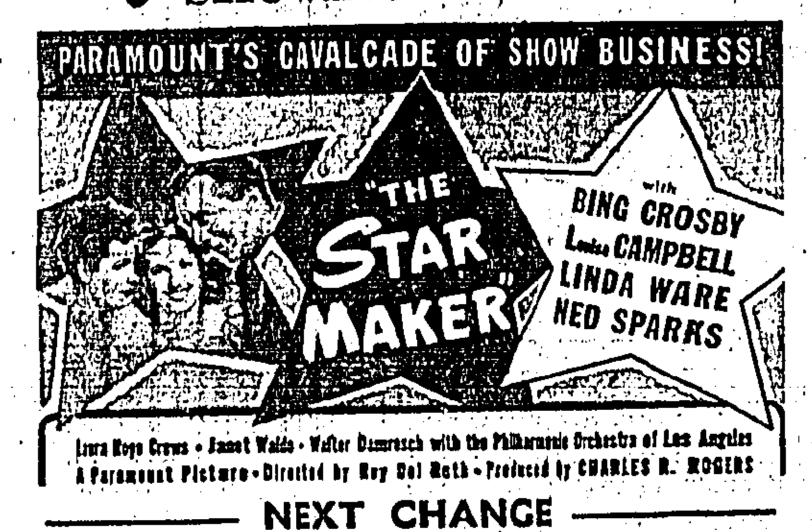
LONDON, Dec. 27 (Reuter).—A wartime trade agreement has been signed between the United Kingdom and Sweden.

The object of the pact is to adopt existing Anglo-Swedish trade agreements to war-time conditions with a view to maintaining trade between the two countries at a normal level.

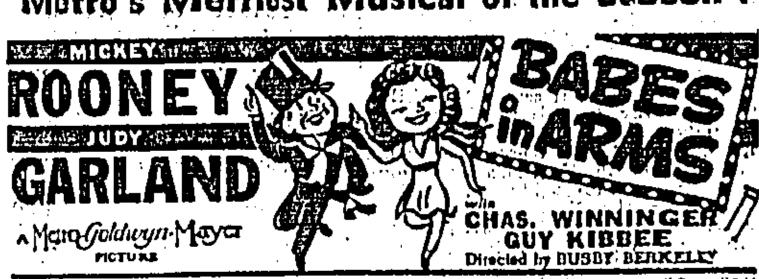
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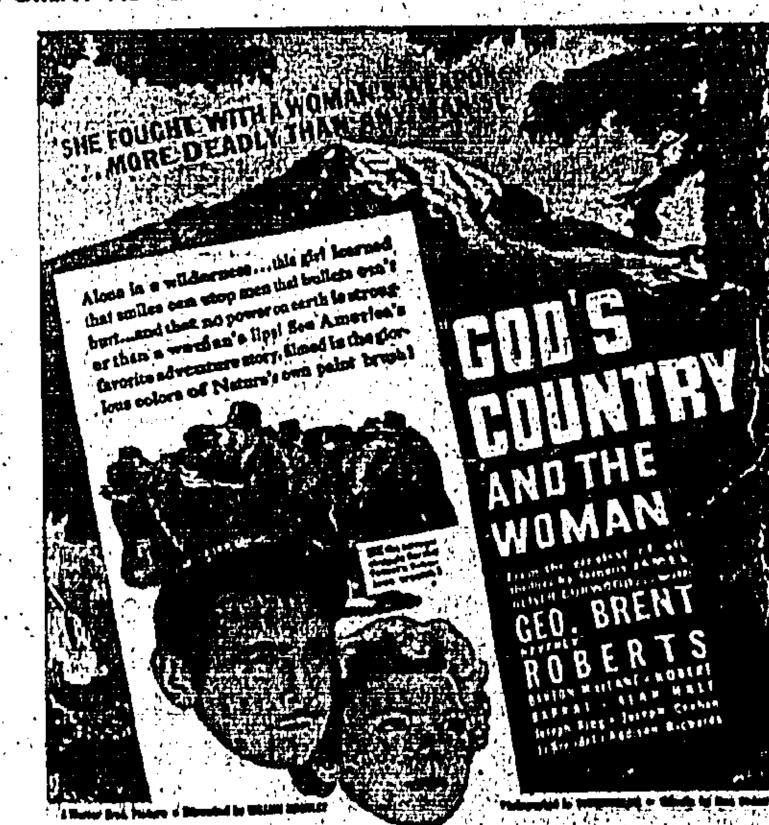


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